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[231] In Common Council August 2nd 1824

Present The Hon^ble W^m Paulding Jun^r President

Aldermen	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Will^m H Ireland	Sam^l St. John
Thaddeus Seymour	Philip Hone
George Zabriskie	Sam^l Cowdrey
Shivers Parker	William Burtsell
Asa Mann	Stephen Conover
Jacob B Taylor	Jameson Cox
George S Doughty	Thomas T Woodruff
Reuben Munson	Alpheus Sherman
	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition for a Well and pump in Bleecker Street between Broadway and Bowery was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 8th Ward, and Street Commissioner

A Petition for a Well and pump in Norfolk Street near Rivington Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 7th Ward and [232] Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Benjamin E Valentine for Office of Measurer of Coal was referred to the Committee on Application for Office.

A Petition of Sam^l Jones for a hearing as to cause of his removal from Office of Inspector of Manure and for Reappointment to that Office was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of William Allen, Wood Inspector complaining of Joseph Toms also an Inspector of Firewood taking an undue share of the fees of the Office which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of John Moore for a Stall in Essex Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Rob^t Warnock and others Assignees of McLaughlin and Quin Lessees of Lot corner of Cherry and Roosevelt praying time for payment of rent due was referred to the Finance Committee.

[233] A Petition of Jeremiah Buskirk for relief from fine incurred for running a Hackney Carriage without a License therefor was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Daniel OBrien for relief from fine for selling

Spirituous liquors without License was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of the Vestry of St Thomas Church to be permitted to put an Iron railing around their Church on the Corner of Houston St. and Broadway was referred to the St Committee.

A Petition of James Ten Eyck for relief from a personal tax imposed on him he being an Artillerist and therefore exempt therefrom was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Annis Lowerre for permission to continue her fruit stand at the Battery was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the first Ward with powers.

A similar petition from S Marewedy had the same reference.

A similar petition from Margaret Knapp had also the same reference.

[234] A petition from a number of Inhabitants for the establishment of a Stand for Hackney Carriages in the Vicinity of Wall St was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward with authority &c

A petition of Jane Evans and others Administrators of Saml Evans Deceased, praying permission to assign the Lease of Walnut Street ferry was referred to the Ferry Committee

A petition that Hudson Street be paved from Charlton to King St. was referred to the Street Committee

A petition of William Gibbons praying that a Stoop which was erected Seven years ago before he purchased the property and which is situate at the corner of Washington and Marketfield Streets may be permitted to remain. And

A remonstrance against the same from several Inhabitants were referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of John N Brower Nazareth B Taylor and Bernard McCloskey for relief from fine incurred by emptying a privy Contrary to Law was referred [235] to the Police Committee

A petition from Benjamin Waldron for a Lease of Mill rock was referred to the finance Committee.

A petition of Owners of Lots on North Moore Street praying that the Side Walks which are directed to be paved may be widened

Also suggesting, the propriety of directing Trees to be planted in the Streets was referred to the Street Committee with powers

A Remonstrance against repaving Water Street as prayed for by Stephen Whitney and Others was referred to the Street Committee

A petition of John McShane to remove a building from Crosby

near Broome St to Crosby near Prince Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward

A petition of Abel Sammis for Office of Weigher of Hay at Hell Gate was referred to the alderman and assistant of the 9th Ward

A petition of Saml Y Clark Collector of 8th Ward for increase of per Centage on his [236] collection and for allowance for Counterfeit money received by him for Taxes, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of James Reeves Junr for Stall No 12 Spring Street Market, was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Azel Conklin for Office of Capt of City Watch 1st District

A Similar petition from Cornelius McLean.

A Similar petition from John Stewart

A Similar petition from Jacob Hays, were severally read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Letter was received from Thoms Walton Capt of City Watch of first District resigning his Office of Capt of the City Watch was read and accepted.

Alderman Taylor presented a return made by the Assessors of the 8th Ward of the number of Buildings now [237] in the Ward and which were erected which was read and referred back to him,

A petition from Abrm B Martling Keeper of the City Hall praying that as the Office of Criers of the Courts which had formerly been a perquisite of the Keeper had been given to another person, he might be compensated by an addition to his Salary, which was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A further petition of Abraham L Smith praying payment for a Deed drawn by him was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of John Perrott for permission to build a Cistern in the Street at the Corner of Fulton and Gold Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 2d Ward and Street Commissioner

A further communication from Joseph P. Simpson Sealer of Weights and Measures stating the incorrectness of the Standard of Dry Measure owned by the Corporation and proposing the same should be compared with the State Standard at Albany was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences with authority

[238] A Letter from P H Wendover Chairman of Commissioners of School funds requesting payment of the same allowed them by Law was referred to the finance Committee

An Invitation to attend the Annual Commencement of Columbia

College on the 3d Inst and to join in the procession at 9 Oclock was accepted.

A Letter from the Secretary of the Free School Society with a copy of the resolution of the Trustees directing a copy of their annual report to be presented to the members of the Corporation to the intent that they may adopt such measures relative to the facts thereon relative to the public funds as they may judge proper and such as may promote the great interest of education in this City, which being read was referred to the Committee on Application to the Legislature

A petition of J. Slocomb to be released from a personal Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A petition of Rodman and Samuel Bowne Lessees of Catharine Slip Ferry praying to have the pier on the South Side [239] of Catharine Slip extended was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips

A Letter was received from Timothy Dewey Agent of the Gass light Company on the Subject of Lamp posts which was referred to the Lamp Committee.

The finance Committee on the petition of James Lowerre reported against the petitioner as follows.

The finance Committee, respectfully report, on the annexed petition of James Lowerre, that this is a Subject which has been frequently before the Board, That the petitioner has leased from the Corporation a piece of Ground, part of which fronts on Washington Street, under the usual covenants to pay assessments, taxes, &c, But he insists that such covenant ought not to have been put in the lease, and that he ought not to be required to pay an assessment for paving and regulating Washington Street.

Your Committee however, upon a full Consideration of all the circumstances attending this transaction, are of the same Opinion as expressed by them in a former report on this subject, having seen no good reason for changing or altering the same, They Consider that Mr Lowerre is legally and equitably. [240] bound to pay the Assessment in question, and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the said petitioner ought not to be granted.

Reuben Munson
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The finance Committee on the representation of the Street Committee respecting an award in favour of James C Lawrence presented a Report, which was referred back to the Committee

The finance Committee on the petition of Charles H Hall for a Water grant at Brooklyn reported in favour as follows

The finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Chs Henry Hall for a Water lot grant, in front of a piece of land, owned by him on the East river in the 9th Ward from 11th to 13th Street, Your Committee are of opinion that such grant may with propriety be made to Mr Hall eastwardly 400 feet, or as far as the Corporation right extends into the river, at a quit rent of 30 Cents per foot per annum to 1 May 1836 [241] 60. Cents to 1 May 1843, 90 Cents to 1 May 1850, and 120 Cents forever thereafter, and on the other usual terms conditions and reservations

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel prepare the necessary Grant for the above premises to Mr Hall

Reuben Munson
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the resolution was adopted.

The finance Committee on the petition of John K. Townsend reported against the petitioner as follows.

The finance Committee, respectfully report, on the annexed petition of John K Townsend, one of the Lessees of the public Wharves and Slips, That the petitioner wishes to surrender and abandon the Lease he now holds, because he thinks that he will be greatly a looser by his contract.

Your Committee believe that if Mr Townsend was to realise a great Profit by his contract, he would not offer to Surrender the same, or to give his profits to the Board, and they therefore think that if Mr Townsend suffers a Loss, he must not expect to be saved [242] harmless, Such a principal ought not to be established,

Your Committee therefore propose the following resolution to the Board.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner Ought not to Granted.

Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Francis Campbell reported against the petitioner as follows.

The finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Francis Campbell. The petitioner applies for a Balance of the Estate of William Campbell, paid into the Treasury by the public administrator. He Claims to be entitled to the same, as eldest Brother of the deceased; but your Committee believe that he is only entitled to a proportion thereof equally with his mother and brothers, inasmuch as it appears that the Mother is living; and it would also seem that there are brothers, or other heirs of equal degree;

Unless therefore the petitioner [243] Obtains a power of Attorney to receive the shares of the Others, he is not entitled to have the prayer of his petition granted; for Altho' the petitioner is next of kin to the deceased, he is only so, in equal degree with his Mother and Brothers and Sisters, according to the Statute of distributions—And is entitled but to an equal Share with them in the personal Estate.

The papers or documents of the petitioner, are also deficient in not shewing that there are no heirs of the Estate of the deceased who are Citizens of the United States—because as the petitioner is an Alien, it is questionable whether the next of kin who is a Citizen, is not entitled to the balance of the property.

Under these Circumstances the Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The finance Committee on the petition from Sundry Inhabitants in the Vicinity of Washington [244] Market praying a reduction of the rates of Wharfage reported against the petition as follows

The finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Sundry persons in the vicinity of Washington Market, That the petitioners pray for a reduction of the existing rates of wharfage, which they complain have been of serious consequences to them, by driving away much of the North river Craft,

Your Committee regret that any such consequences should have been produced; but it must be evident that the existing rates of wharfage cannot be changed by the Board for the present year, and

whether they ought to be changed hereafter must be determined by the Judgement of the Common Council next year—Whatever may be the effect of the rates of Wharfage, (And of which your Committee think that a correct judgement cannot as yet be formed) your Committee are nevertheless of the Opinion, that the Common Council cannot do any thing as to the matters stated in this petition, as all Citizens must bear the Consequences of general regulations made for the public good

Your Committee therefore recommend that the following resolution be adopted.

Resolved, that the said petitioners [245] have leave to withdraw their petition.

Reuben Munson
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Willm Burtsell.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The finance Committee on the petition of the Chatham Fire Insurance Company reported against the petition as follows.

The finance Committee respectfully report, on the within petition of the Chatham Fire Insurance Company, praying that the Board would Sell to them the property N° 1 Chatham Square, But in as much as the property is now under Lease, and for other reasons, your Committee think that it is inexpedient to dispose of the property at the present time.

They therefore recommend that the Board adopt the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Reuben Munson
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Willm Burtsell
Willm H Ireland
George Zabriskie

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[246] The finance Committee on the petition of the printers employed by the Corporation presented the following report.

The finance Committee, respectfully report, on the Annexed petition of several of the printers of Newspapers stating that they have published Laws, &c, which they conceive not to be within the understanding and meaning of their agreement with the Corporation, and claiming compensation therefor

Your Committee have examined said petition *said petition,* and After attentively Considering the Subject, they are of the Opinion that the printers selected to publish the Corporation laws, notices, &c, by the year, ought not hereafter to be paid for what they may consider extra printing, and with this express understanding as to all future publications by the authority of the Corporation, being included within the annual compensation of One Hundred dollars which is paid to each of the Corporation printers. Your Committee think that the Accounts for the extra printing to this time, ought to be paid to the petitioners.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that the Comptroller be authorised to audit and allow the [247] accounts for extra printing as above Stated in this report, and that no such charge be hereafter audited or allowed

(Signed) Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Willm Burtsell

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The finance Committee on the petition of Abraham L Smith presented a report which was referred back to the Committee.

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Susannah and Charles Drake reported in their favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments, on the within petition of Susannah Drake and Charles Drake, report, that it appears to your Committee, that the usual residence of the petitioners is in the 2d Ward, but that they had removed during a part of the year 1823, into the 9th Ward; That they were assessed personally in both Wards, and were at the time of Assessment, actually residing in the latter Ward, and that they have paid to the Collector of both Wards, the sums thus assessed upon them. Under this Statement of facts it appears to be right that [248] their claim for the return of the sum paid in the 2d Ward ought to be granted.

The Committee therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant at the next meeting in favour of Susannah Drake for $24.80. and also a Warrant in favour of Charles Drake for $3.10 being the sums paid by them as

above mentioned for taxes in the 2nd Ward, erroneously assessed against them.

(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff,
Stephen Conover
Thoms T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Jacob Manning reported in his favour as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom the annexed petition of Jacob Manning was referred.

Report, That the Assessors of the 5th Ward have Certified that the Assessment in his case is erroneous and that he ought not to be assessed for any personal property

The following resolution is therefore recommended.

[249] Resolved, that the Collector of the 5th Ward, be authorised to return the amount Assessed on the personal property of Jacob Manning, for the [year] 1823, among the Errors & Insolvencies of that Ward.

(Signed) S. Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
Stephen Conover
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was Approved & the resolution Adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Peter Nodine reported in his favor as follows.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Peter Nodine

Report, That by the 103d Sect. of the Act to organize the Militia, the Officers and privates of the first brigade of Horse Artillery (to which brigade the petitioner belongs) are entitled to a reduction from the amount of their personal property, as to assessments for taxes, of $1000. And that this sum exceeds in the Case of the petitioner, the amount of his personal Estate.

The Committee therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved that the Collector of the 8th Ward be authorised to return the amount of [250] tax in the present Estate of Peter Nodine, for the year 1823 in his list of Errors for that year

(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
Stephen Conover
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Law Committee to whom was referred a petition of Sundry Inhabitants respecting an obstruction in Washington Street erected by Wm Denning presented the following report.

The Law Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of a number of Inhabitants residing in the Vicinity of Washington and Murray Streets, report, That the petition sets forth that for some time past a certain part of Washington Street, between Murray and Warren Streets has been inclosed with a high board fence to the great obstruction of the petitioners, who pray that the Corporation will cause the same to be removed. The Committee find the facts set forth to be correct and that the strip of ground fenced in is about twenty feet wide and about fifty feet in length, including the width of the Side Walk and a small part of the Cart way; which piece of ground was fenced [251] in by the Order of Mr William Denning who claims the same as his property.

It appears that Mr Denning has been for a number of years the Owner and proprietor of several Lots of ground on both sides of Washington Street and corner of Murray Street, being his portion of ground alotted to him, upon an amicable division made in 1809 of property then held in common between himself, the late George Clinton deceased, John McKesson Esqr and others—At this time Washington Street, in several places in that part of the City, remained what it originally was, a forty feet Street, but has been widened at different times by adding twenty feet along the northerly side so as to make it uniformly sixty feet in width—This additional width of twenty feet has been appropriated for Street at different times and under different circumstances as some of the proprietors of Lots receding voluntarily for the benefit of their property. in other cases it was the result of compromise with the Corporation in relation to a Street called Second Street—and in One or two instances the ground has been taken in the ordinary way by Commissioners of estimate and assessment.

Some years ago an arrangement was made between the Corporation and a number of [252] the proprietors of ground fronting on Washington Street, by which they were permitted to take possession of the Street called ———— Street belonging to the Corporation, as reserved in the Trinity Church grant running between Washington and West Streets, as an equivalent for the Strip of ground necessary to widen Washington Street to Sixty feet—Whether Mr Denning was embraced in or had the benefit of that arrangement, the Committee have not been able to ascertain for certainty; but the Street

ran through the property of Mr Denning, while owned in common with others, and is now used as private property—If it was treated or considered as private and joint property in making the division amongst the owners it is highly probable that Mr Denning was benefitted thereby, if so such benefit was in equity and justice a consideration for the Strip of ground in question.

To institute proceedings in the mode pointed out by the Statute by Commissioners of estimate and Assessment, for the purpose of taking this strip of ground, is, under all the circumstances of the case, in the opinion of the Committee, attended with several objections. It would be an expensive [253] operation while the ground is of small value. It might subject adjacent proprietors who have given their ground for Street, to an assessment for a portion of the expences at least. It would be a virtual admission that Mr Denning did not participate in the benefit or arrangement in relation to Second Street, and the proceeding might not result in any pecuniary compensation to him for the ground in question—As he is the greatest sufferer by continuing the obstruction, he would be the principal person benefited, in the value of property, by removing the same, and making the Street Sixty feet wide between his property which lies on both sides—Under these circumstances the Commissioners might naturally say as they have the power to do, that the damage and benefit are equal, and the only difference would be the Costs and expences which would have to be assessed upon Mr Denning and his neighbours.

It appeared that in the year 1811 or prior thereto the fence of Mr Denning was moved back to the Sixty feet line so as to conform to the line of adjoining proprietors—The ground being thus thrown into Street, it was in the fall of 1811 together with the rest of Washington Street regulated and paved by the Street Commissioner, and on the 9th [254] of December, in the same year the assessment, as appears, was confirmed by the Board—Mr Denning although he at first objected, paid his assessment for paving and regulating said piece of ground & Street—from 1811 to 1823 when the fence was put up, being between eleven and twelve years, the ground continued public Street and a common thorough fare for the use of the Public, and with the knowledge & presumed assent of Mr Denning.

It appears to be a settled principal of the Common Law, that if an Individual permits the public to have the free use of a piece of ground for Street, for a certain number of years, it is sufficient to presume a dereliction of it to the public, and nothing but inclosing it within the time by a fence will justify a presumption to the contrary—

Eight years have been decided to be a sufficient time to give a right of way to the public—and in a leading case the judge who presided observed that as between individuals a claim of title would not be barred in that time yet between an individual and the public the principal is very different, and were it otherwise, he says, in a great Town like this every person [255] passing over the ground would be liable to a prosecution, and it would be a trap to make people tresspassers.

If this is a correct and salutary principle, and if the committee have been rightly informed as to the facts in this case, it would appear that the public are entitled by use to this piece of ground as so much Street, and that Mr Denning has forfeited his right to the same—In Order to settle this question upon a principle, which is an important one in this City, the Committee are willing that Mr Denning should have an opportunity of bringing the matter before a legal tribunal. And they therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs cause the obstruction or fence erected in Washington Street, and referred to in the petition, to be taken down and removed from said Street, and that the same be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner and Counsel of the Board.

(Signed) Alpheus Sherman
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[256] The Law Committee to whom was referred the Complaint respecting the Sale of Hay presented the following report.

The Law Committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of citizens, dealers in Hay in the City of New York, Report, That the petitioners set forth impositions in the sale of Hay by the waggon load which they much complain of, and by means of which they do not get the Weight and quantity of Hay which they have to pay for—Evils of this nature the Committee thinks require a remedy and the adoption of such regulations as will as far as practicable, insure equal justice between buyer and Seller.

They therefore recommend to the Board the following resolution.

Resolved that the Counsellor prepare and Submit to the Board an amendment to the Ordinance regulating the Sale of Hay embracing the following provisions.

That all persons bringing Hay or Straw to this City for sale by the Load shall stand with their Waggons or teams either at the Hay Scales at Duane Street Market or the Gouverneur Market, and that the

Keepers of these Scales provide or point out places for them for that purpose; That no Hay [257] or Straw by the Load shall be offered or exposed for Sale at any other place in this City and a penalty to be inserted for that purpose.

That whenever any Hay by the Load shall be offered or exhibited for Sale, whether previously weighed or not, and the buyer or person offering to buy the same shall be desirous of being further satisfied as to the weight of such Hay and shall require the same to be reweighed together with the Waggon it shall be the duty of the Weigh Master applied to for that purpose to weigh the same, and certify the same, which weight shall be considered the true Weight of the Hay, And in case the said Hay holds out in weight according to the quantity alledged the expence of reweighing shall be paid by the buyer or person offering to buy; but in case it shall appear to be deficient then the expence shall be paid by the person Selling the Hay or offering the same for Sale.

In case any person having Hay for Sale shall refuse to have it reweighed upon the application of any person offering to buy the same he shall forfeit a penalty for such refusal and in case any person offering to buy shall refuse to purchase after it has been weighed he shall likewise be subject to a penalty to be provided accordingly

(Signed) Alpheus Sherman
Thomas Bolton

[258] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward on the petition for a Well and pump at the intersection of Front and Walnut Streets reported against the Petition as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons residing at the foot of Walnut Street, praying that a Well may be dug and built in that Vicinity Report that in their opinion it is inexpedient to grant their request inasmuch as it does not appear that any one of the petitioners are the owners of the property to be assessed or would be bound to pay an assessment—they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Asa Mann
(Signed) Jameson Cox
R Graves St Comr

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[259] The Comptroller presented the following Report of the sums paid into the Treasury for Commutation of Alien passengers during the last quarter which was directed to be filed

The Comptroller respectfully reports, that the Amount paid into the Treasury, for Commutation of Alien passengers, for the Quarter ending the 31st July last is $235.

(Signed) G N Bleeck[er] Compt[r]

The following were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Hook & Ladd*le*[er] C° N° 3.

John Bearman Cartman Herring St. To fill up the Company

Fire Engine Company N° 1

John Kidd Pawnbroker 14 Grand Street
Vice John B Minton, Expelled for neglect of duty.
Edward Haffmire Carpenter 60½ Warren St.
Vice John Dennis Expelled for neglect of duty.
William Haffmire Carpenter 60½ Warren St.
Vice William Franklin Expelled for neglect of duty
[260] Stephen Demyer Carpenter 137 Chamber St.
Vice Henry W Clapp Resigned
Nathaniel Randolph Cabinet Maker 82 Varick St
Vice John W Striker Resigned
Ellis Freeman Carpenter 1 Thompson St
Vice Benjamin Briggs Resigned
John L Banker Carpenter 189 Mulberry St
Vice Abraham Bogart Resigned
Isaac Brown Taylor 6 Beach St Vice John Gatter Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 2

Joseph Cauldwell Cartman 34 Catharine St.
Vice Isaac Ward Resigned
David Parks Grocer Corner Bancker & Oliver
Vice Bradley Higgins Resigned
Daniel Wright Cordwainer 156 Chatham
Vice Augustus Cregier Expelled for neglect of duty
[261] Benjamin Perine Corwain*d*er 97 Henry St
Vice John W Lamson Resigned

Henry Boyce Tobacconist 18 Henry St.
Vice George J Bijotat Resigned
David Baker Black Smith 40 Wooster St
Vice Joseph H Truslow Time Expired

Fire Engine Company Nº 3

James Swaine Cabinet Maker Broad St.
Vice James Quick Deceased

Fire Engine Company Nº 6

Mulford M Martin Grocer Cor of Greenwich & Warren St
Vice John W Forbes resigned

Fire Engine Company No 12

James Welsh Bookbinder 64 Ann St
Vice Willm Manning Resigned

Fire Engine Company Nº 17

Lewis Ballas Caulker 198 Division St.
Vice George W Pentz, Expelled for neglect of duty

[262] Fire Engine Company Nº 27

John Gatter Smith 411 Greenwich St
Vice Nathaniel Jarvis Resigned

Fire Engine Company Nº 34

James L Jones Milkman Sulivan St.
Vice Lawrence Sinclair Resigned
Peter Beaumount Mason Vice Henry Vanwart Resigned

Fire Engine Company Nº 36

Abraham Vanskiver Carpenter 11 Grand St
Vice David Baker Resigned
Elihue Noble Masoner 31 Sullivan St
Vice Alexander Jerolleman Resigned

Fire Engine Company Nº 37

Lancelot Armstrong Wheelwright 97 Elizabeth St
Vice John Eichell Time Expired

Fire Engine Company Nº 39

Sylvester P Dennison Merchant Washington St
Vice George Barton Resigned

[263] Fire Engine Company N° 44 a New One.

Nehemiah Waterbury Spar Maker Lewis St near North
Edmund Gross Ship Carpenter Columbia " Rivington
John E Solomons Accountant Lewis " North
David Brown Ship Builder North " Goerick
Jacob Bell Ship Builder Lewis " North
Isaac Webb ditto Stanton St
Stephen Smith ditto
John Demon ditto
Sellick Nichols Block Maker Stanton St
Justice Reynolds ditto North St
Samuel Andreas Grocer Cor of North & Lewis
Charles Porter Merchant Columbia St
Isaac Smith Ship Carpenter
Cornelius Vincent Spar Maker
Charles Hoyt ditto
William Lockwood Grocer Cor of Lewis & [Fourth]
John Woolsey Cartman Lewis St.
Alfred Waterbury Spar maker Lewis St near North
Benjamin Brown ditto Lewis " "
William L Husted Grocer Cor Lewis & North Sts
Edward Merritt Ship Carpenter
Foster Rhodes ditto
John Coleman Block Maker

The Attorney presented an Answer to the Bill in Chancery of Comfort Sands, which was directed to be engrossed and duly authenticated.

[264] He also presented an answer to the Bill in Chancery of the Associates of the Jersey Company, which *which* was directed to be engrossed and duly authenticated.

He also upon a Report which he presented on the 19th Inst and which was referred back to him to report a Law with the amendments reported as follows

His original report was in the words following

The Attorney of the Board, respectfully Reports, that a Suit having been brought against an inhabitant of the East side of Coenties Slip, for not sweeping the Street to the Center agreeably to the third Section of the Street Law, the Jury decided in favour of the Defendant, upon the grounds (it is presumed) that Slips were not contemplated in the Section relating to the Sweeping of Streets to the Centre, and that

as the Contractor is bound to Sweep the "heads of Slips" the head may be considered to extend as far as the designation of Slip is applied to the Street, Viz: to Pearl Street; and moreover, that Coenties Slip is used as a Stand for Cartmen, and as the Defendant did Sweep Nineteen feet in front of his dwelling [265] (leaving only the middle or centre or head, say forty feet of the Slip for the Contractor to sweep,) he was not bound to sweep any farther, As this decision it submitted to, must have a bearing on all the other Slips, and as the Law on the subject might perhaps be rendered more plain than it now is (as it regards this question) the propriety of amending it, as well as the manner in which it ought to be amended is respectfully Submitted to the Board. It would seem proper so to Amend the Law, as either to make it clearly the duty of the Inhabitants to sweep the Slips, or the Contractors.

Another decision under this Law, calls for an Amendment of it. The Ninth Section, it has been determined, gives but a single penalty of Ten dollars against the Contractor for neglecting the whole of his District on any One sweeping day, whereas it was always the understanding heretofore, and such was also the practice, that the Contractor for each Street or part of a Street neglected by him on the sweeping day, was liable to a Seperate fine. An Amendment of the Law making the fine apply to each Street, is essential to the due enforcement of it

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

[266] The report presented this day was as follows.

The Attorney of the Board to whom was recommitted a Report heretofore made by him on the subject of certain amendments which are necessary to be made to the Street law, with directions to report an Ordinance for that purpose, Respectfully Reports that he has accordingly prepared an Ordinance, which is herewith submitted for the consideration of the Board

respectfully &c

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Law proposed by him passed under the title of a Law to amend the Law entitled a Law to regulate the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets and was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

He also presented the following which was directed to be filed

Articles of Agreement entered into this nineteenth day of July in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and twenty four, Between Henry Rutgers and Catharine Depeyster of the first part, and the Mayor, Alderman & Commonalty [267] of the City of New York of the second part, Whereas it is in contemplation to widen Bancker Street from Oliver Street to Pike Street, by taking so much of the lands, tenements and hereditaments on each side of the said part of Bancker Street as may be necessary in order to widen the same in the manner delineated in a Map subscribed by the said Henry Rutgers and others, made by Bridges and Poppleton City Surveyors, bearing date 15 November 1813, and recorded in the Office of Register in and for the City & County of New York; And Whereas, the said Henry Rutgers and Catharine Depeyster are the owners of a number of Lots lying upon the said part of Bancker Street so intended to be widened, which are under subsisting leases from the said parties of this first part for a term or terms of years: And Whereas the parties of these presents are desirous that all the Lessees of the said Lots should be relieved of so much of the Assessment which may be imposed upon the same, on account of widening the said Street as justice may require; And Whereas the said parties of the second part have agreed to cause application to be made to the Supreme Court, for the Appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of widening said Street as aforesaid, provided the said parties of the first part will enter [268] into covenants to pay all sums which may be Assessed upon the said Lots, provided the Lessees of the same, or their Executors, Administrators or Assigns will consent to pay an additional rent during the remainder of their term, equal to the interest of the amount of the assessment that may be so put upon said Lots respectively, or provided the said Henry Rutgers and Catharine Depeyster will consent to accept the Surrender of their Leases absolutely and unconditionally: (All the covenants nevertheless in the said leasses, except as to the length thereof and the rent in future, being complied with by the lessees): Now therefore this Indenture Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part in consideration of the premises, and of One Dollar to them in hand paid by the said parties of the second part Do, for themselves, their heirs, executors, and Administrators, covenant, promise and agree to and with the said parties of the Second part and their Successors, that they the said parties of the first part will within four months after the confirmation of the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises by the

Supreme Court will and truly pay to the said parties of the Second part and their [269] successors, all the sums which may be assessed on account of widening Bancker Street as aforesaid, on such and so many of the said lots as are under subsisting Leases from the Said parties of the first part upon the said Street: Provided Always, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, that it shall not be obligatory upon the said parties of the first part to pay the said parties of the second part the assessment upon any of the said Lots, the lessees of which, or their executors, administrators or assigns, shall not have surrendered their leases absolutely or unconditionally, (and which said surrender, the said parties of the first part, for themselves, their Heirs and Assigns do agree to accept); they the Said Lessees, their executors, administrators and Assigns nevertheless performing all the other covenants in the said Leases contained except as regards rent in future and the length of the said Leases, or shall not agree to pay so much additional rent for the remainder of their term, as the interest of said Assessment upon the said lots respectively may amount to annually.

In Witness Whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto Set their Hands and Seals the day and Year [270] first above written

Sealed and delivered)
In the presence of) Henry Rutger[s] (L S)

The word "as" first interlined

W B Crosby (Signed) Catharine Depeyster (L S)

The Street Commissioner stated that it was necessary to appoint a Collector on the Assessment for Opening 5th Street from 1st to 3d Avenue, Whereupon Morris DeCamp was appointed Collector.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and pump in Henry Street near Birmingham Street which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

He also presented [an assessment] for pitching and paving Norfolk Street from Broome to Stanton Street which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp Appointed Collector

Also an Assessment for pitching and paving Sheriffe St. from Broome to Stanton St. which was confirmed & Morris DeCamp appointed [271] Collector

Also an assessment for cleansing and repairing the Sewers in Jacob Street and Ferry St. which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented a communication stating that some articles had

incumbered a Wharf some days and that after diligent inquiry the owner not being known, he had affixed upon the Articles an order directing their removal which remained three days and the Articles after that time not being removed he had taken them agreeably to Law to the Alms House—that an agent now appeared claiming them and *theating* [threatening] a Suit for having removed them—and he recommended an alteration in the Law—whereupon the Subject was referred to the Law Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances.

No	1	[272] William Rankin	Owner	No	86 Dey St	a Lot
	2	John Suydam	do		40 West St	"
	3	the Heirs of Joshua Jones	do		41 do	"
	4	George Lorillard	do		42 do	"
	5	M. R. Ryarson	do		94 Vesey	"
	6	Ditto	do		92 do	"
	7	Prime Ward & Sands	do		23 Marketfield	"
	8	Wm & G Post	do		35 Oak	"
	9	John Lyons	do		Elizabeth	"
	10	Chs W Sandford	do		Mulberry	"
	11	Walter Bowne	do		Willet	"
	12	William Wood	do		do	"
	13	Reuben R Barton	Lessee		4 Clark	"
	14	Morgan Lewis	Owner		Delancy	"
	15	J. C Vandenheuvel	do		Norfolk	"
	16	G Lorillard	do		Wooster	"
	17	Dd B Ogden	do		do	"
	18	Jno R Livingston	do		Rivington	"
	19	Wm Rhinelander	Executor		Robinson	"
	20	Ls A Brunel	Assignee		Bancker	"
	21	A L Stewart	Owner		Canal	"
	22	P A Jay	do		do	"
	23	Sl Learned	do		110 Bowery	"
	24	Joshu Husson	do		108 do	"
	25	Jno R Livingston	do		Mott	"
	26	Wm L Simers	do		do	"
	27	John R Murray	do		Canal	"
	28	Rd Bogardus	do		Front	"
	29	J Dunsmore	Occupt		7 Howard	"
	30	[273] Wm Niblo	Occupant		William St	A privy
	31	Jno Harper	do		16 Ooak St	do
	32	Ths McBride	do		146 Orange St	a Lot

Geo Cuming
City Inspector

Alderman Munson Treasurer of the Board of Health presented a Resolution directing a Warrant to be reported in favour of the Treasu[r]er of the Board of Health for $1000 which was adopted.

Alderman Wyckoff presented a Resolution directing the Committee on Lands and places to report at next meeting of the Board, what improvement they have made on the ground lately selected by the Common Council for a City Burial ground, what further improvement they contemplate, what sum has been expended and what further amount will be required to Compleat the same, Which was adopted.

Alderman Mann moved that the Triangular piece of ground included between Grand, Harman and Scammel Street be taken for a public place and that the attorney [274] prepare the necessary papers and that the Mayor Authenticate the same during the recess of the Board—which was agreed to,

He also moved that the Street Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the Subject which was agreed to

Mr Cowdrey presented a Resolution referring to the Board of Health to consider whether any additional measures can be taken for cleansing the Streets and Other places and preserving the public Health of our City, which was adopted.

Mr Cowdrey presented a resolution referring to the Finance Committee to examine and report how far this Board is pledged to the Managers of Lotteries to appoint Committees to Attend and Certify as to the Drawing of Lotteries.

The Comptroller made the following report

Balance as pr Acct 19 July				$2.85
Recd for Taxes 1823, 2. 3. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10 Wards				11.244.73
[275] do	"	Rents	3452.03	
do	"	Auction Sales	2500.00	
do	"	Tavern Licenses	1020.00	
do	"	Streets	590.95	
do	"	Commutation Alien passengers	165.00	
do	"	Mayoralty fees	160.25	
do	"	Fees &c Sheriff	127.00	
do	"	Intelligence Offices	25.00	
do	"	Fines &c of Attorny	12.93	8.053.16
				$19.300.74

95 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st District		813.75
Hibberd & Clark ditto 2d ditto		666.75
Bleakley & Brower ditto 3d ditto		645.75
William Paulding Junr Mayor	1 Qr Salary 26 July	750.
R Graves St Commissioner	1 Qr do 1 do	400.
J Morton Clk Common Council	1 Qr do 1 Augt	362.50
John Fleming Treasurer	3 Qrs do 19 July	300.
Astin & Higbie Messengers	1 Mo do 1 Augt	54.
Ob. Ayres Asst City Inspector	1 Mo do do	47.25
Jno Coffin " ditto	1 Mo do do	47.25
Wm Schureman Keeper of Pottersfield	1 Mo do do	38.75
Charles Gilman do Battery	1 Mo do do	31.00
Andrew McCready do Park	1 Mo do do	31.00
Oliver Jaques St Inspector 1 Ward	1 Mo do do	31.00
Peter Wright ditto 2 do	1 Mo do do	31.00
Thos Jeroleman ditto 3 do	1 Mo do do	31.00
[276] Nichs B Lyon ditto 4 do	1 Mo 1 Augt	31.00
Abrm Ackerman ditto 5 do	" "	31.00
Wm Kerr ditto 6 do	" "	31.00
Benjn Fuller ditto 7 do	" "	31.00
Saml Hutchings ditto 8 do	" "	31.00
Danl Hubbard ditto 10 do	" "	31.00
J Rush & J Lent watering Chatham St 5 July	$4.00	
S. Van Antwerp Junr Wine &c	27.69	
A B Martling for ringers of 19 Bells	28.50	
Thos Brown, Band of Music	30.00	
Jno P Roome & Officers attending 5 July	32.00	
James Burns Sundries for Dinner "	53.08	
Jno Ritchie preparing Ammunition "	65.44	
C G Smedberg 4 doz Champagne "	70.00	
Saml Kip Junr Sundry Groceries "	76.49	
Wm Sykes furnishing Dinner "	417.00	804.20
Abm B Martling Keeper City Hall Expences for Corporation 1 Qr 1 Inst		138.71
Abrm B. Martling to buy fuel for City Hall And Watch houses		500.
Wm A Prince Carpenter for City Hall		58.84
John Curtis Coach Hire		29.00
J. Morton Clk Common Council for Hack hire paid		23.25
Jno Coffin Assist City Inspecr removing Nuisances 1 Qr 1 Inst bal		19.96
[277] J Drake & J. Ritchie Loan Officers making Abstracts 28 mortgages for Clk Office		14.00
Wm Slosson Counsel fee. Case of Butcher's Stalls Fly Market		200.00
David B Ogden Counsel fee Case of Butcher's Stall Fly Market		200.00
Geo Duryea Clk. Fulton Market 1 Mon. 1 Inst		41.67
Richd Smith " Franklin do 1 " "		38.75
Isaac Asten Sweeper Fulton do 1 " "		38.59
B. Hicks Assist Board of Health 1 " "		47.25
J. Pinckney ditto " 1 " "		47.25

F & H Van Pelt printing 1 Qr 1 Augt	264.75
Proprietor Evening Post Advertising Law for New Councils &c	51.50
Ditto Statesman Advertising Law for New Councils &c	51.50
Ditto Daily Advertiser Advertising Law for New Councils &c	49.50
Ditto Commercial Advertiser, Advertising Law for New Councils &c	42.00
Thos Longworth 7 Copies of Directory	12.25
Abrm Leggett Superg & Work Mud Machine 12 days to 1st Inst	86.96
J Hammond Justice 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qr 1 Augt	400.00
E. Morrill do 4. 6 do " "	400.00
H. Meigs do 5. 8 do " "	400.00
H Scovell do 7. 10 do " "	400.00
[278] D. M Cowdrey Clerk 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Augt	187.50
Geo Betts do 4. 6 do 1, do "	187.50
J Campbell do 5. 8 do 1. do "	187.50
Wm H Smith do 7. 10 do 1. do "	187.50
P H Wendover Sheriff for Officers Attending Courts 1 Quarr 1st Augt	1097.50
S. Montgomery for officers Servg Subpoenas 1 Qr 1 Augt	200.62
Jno P. Roome Crier of Court Sessions 1 Qr Salary 3 Augt	50.00
P H. Wendover Sheriff for Deputies Conveying persons to penitenty 1 Qr 1 Augt	24.50
J. Fleming Treasr for Order of Court to pay Witnesses	10.00
Thos Franklin 40 Loads Wood for Engine Houses	127.00
Jno S. Howe Physician City prison &c 1 Qr. Salary 1st Augt	75.00
I. A Isaac Clk Issuing Tavern Licenses in July	5.25
Henry Post Jr 38 Casks Oil bot of J Coleman	867.83
G Snethen Lightg Lamps 1 Mo. 1st Inst	635.14
R Provoost repairg Lamps do do	70.14
Jno Van Duser Work at Lamps 1 Qr. do	58.05
Thos Fairchild Inspectg Pavements of Streets 5 Mo. 1 Augt	159.86
Benjn Prince & Associates Assessing Sundry Streets. Wells & Pumps 6 mo. 1 Augt	492.00
Isaac J Ludlam Surveys. 1 Qr 1 July	92.20
[279] Danl Ewen Surveys 1 Qr 1 July	131.40
M DeCamp Corpor Assesst repavg Beekman St and Front St	231.67
R. Ayres, Earth & Stone at foot of Chamber and Reed Sts	51.75
J. McComb. repairg Intersections 1 & 3 Wards	169.26
Chs Coles Acct. reg & pav Columbia St from Rivington to Stanton	300.00
A H Mooney, Acct. repav New St from Garden to Beaver	300.00
A H Mooney. Acct repav Thomas St from Chapel to Hudson	100.00
H, Smith. Acct. repav Water St from Fulton St to Peck Slip	250.00
H. Smith Acct. reg. & pav Beekman St from Water St to River	200.00
H. Smith Acct. repavg Pearl St. from Fulton St to Peck Slip	90.00
H. Smith Acct. repav. Front St. from Beekman St to Peck Slip	200.00
Joseph Sands prin & Int. Canal St Sewer	44.89
Chrisr Rush " " " "	7.94
R. Pettigrew bal on Well Stanton St nr Bowery	84.42

J P Roome	Supert	Repairs for	repairs.....	686.00
J P. Roome	do	do	Essex Market	580.00
J P Roome	do	do	Fire Departt	300.00
J P Roome	do	do	Markets	30.00
[280] Arthur Burtis	Supt	Alms House for	Working Convicts.....	2000.00
			Balance	$1.38

The Board adjourned.

[281] In Common Council August 16th 1824

Present The Honble Willm Paulding Junr Mayor

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thos Bolton
Thaddeus Seymour	Saml St John
George Zabriskie	Saml Cowdrey
Shivers Parker	William Burtsell
Asa Mann	Stephen Conover
George S Doughty	Jameson Cox
Reuben Munson	Thomas T Woodruff
	Alpheus Sherman
	Gideon Ostrander

The reading of the Minutes of last meeting was dispensed with.

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that having received information of the arrival of the Marquis De La Fayette in this City he had agreeably to a former resolution summoned this meeting to receive him—He also informed the Board that the Committee [282] of Arrangements had proceeded to Staten Island where the Marquis was lodged to receive and conduct him to the City—That the Marquis had landed & amidst the cheerings of an immense crowd of Citizens was proceeding to the Common Council Chamber—a few minutes after it was announced that the Marquis was at the door. he accordingly entered accompanied by the Committee—On his entrance the Members rose, and the Marquis having been presented by Alderman Zabriskie the Chairman of the Committee to the Mayor, his Honor addressed him in the following Speech.

General:

In the name of the municipal authority of the City, I bid you a sincere welcome to the shores of a Country of whose freedom and happiness, you will ever be considered one of the most honored and beloved founders.

Your only cotemporaries in arms, of whom indeed but few remain,

have not forgot, and their posterity will not forget, the Young and Gallant Frenchman who consecrated his youth, his talents, his fortune and his exertions to their cause—who exposed his life—who shed his blood, that they might become free and happy. They will [283] recollect with profound emotion, so long as they remain worthy of the liberties they enjoy, and of the exertions you made to obtain them, that you came to them in the darkest period of their Struggle—that you linked your fortune with their's when it seemed almost hopeless—that you shared in the dangers, privations and sufferings of that bitter struggle, nor Quitted them for a moment, till it was consummated on the glorious field of York-town. Half a century has elapsed since that great event, and in that time your name has become as dear to the friends, as ins[e]perably connected with the cause of Freedom, in the old, as in the new world.

The people of the United States look up to you as to one of their most honoured Parents—the Country cherishes you as one of the most beloved of her sons. I hope and trust, Sir, that not only the present, but the future conduct of my Countrymen, to the latest period of time, will, among other slanders, refute the unjust imputation, that Republics are always ungrateful to their benefactors.

In behalf of my fellow Citizens of New York, and speaking the warm and universal Sentiment of the whole people of the United States, I repeat their welcome to our Common Country.

[284] Permit me to add that the moment of my life, to which I shall look back with the greatest pleasure and pride, will be that in which it fell to my lot to be an Organ for expressing, however feebly, a Nation's gratitude.

To which the Marquis made the following reply.

Sir

While I am so affectionately received by the Citizens of New York, and their worthy representatives, I feel myself overwhelmed with inexpressible emotions, the Sight of the American Shore, after so long an Absence, the recollection of the many respected friends and dear Companions no more to be found on this land, the pleasure to recognise those who have survived, this immense concourse of a free republican population who so kindly welcome me, the admirable appearance of the Troops, the presence of a Corps of the National Navy, have excited sentiments to which no human language can be adequate. You have been pleased, Sir, to allude to the happiest times, the unallayed enjoyments of my public life. It is the pride of my heart to have been one of the earliest adopted Sons of America;

[285] I am proud also to add, that upwards of forty years ago, I have been particularly honored with the freedom of this City. I beg you Mr Mayor, I beg you Gentlemen, to accept yourselves, and to transmit to the Citizens of New York, the homage of my profound and everlasting gratitude, devotion and respect.

The Marquis was then introduced to the several members of the Board and afterwards his son George Washington La Fayette was in like manner presented to the Mayor and the Members.

Mr Cowdrey moved that the Portrait room in the City Hall be offered to the Marquis for his use during his residence in this City which was agreed to.

He also moved that when the Board adjourn they adjourn to meet on Wednesday next 4 Oclock, which was agreed to, The Board then adjourned and in front of the City Hall with the Marquis received a Salute from the Troops of Artillery on duty that day. After the review they returned to the Portrait room where refreshments were provided and the Military and Citizens were introduced to the Marquis, A Dinner was also provided at the City Hotel the quarters of the Marquis of which the members of the Board partook with him.

[286] In Common Council August 18th 1824.

Present. The Honble William Paulding Junr Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Wm H Ireland	Thos Bolton
Thaddeus Seymour	Saml St John
George Zabriskie	Philip Hone
Shivers Parker	Saml Cowdrey
Asa Mann	Wm Burtsell
Jacob B Taylor	Stephen Conover
George S Doughty	Jameson Cox
Reuben Munson	Thos T. Woodruff
	Alpheus Sherman
	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last regular and Special Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Francis Campbell Stating that the Corporation are in possession of Receipts of Creditors and property of his late brother Wm Campbell who died in the Island of Cuba in July 1824 and that having Administered to the will of his Brother he therefore requests he may receive the same was read & referred to the Finance Committee

[287] A Petition of Joseph Oliver Lessee of Store No 6 Fulton

Market to be permitted to surrender his Lease on the 1st Novemr next he paying up the rent to that period was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of James O'Connor for relief from a fine for acting as a Public Porter without a License therefor, Which was read & referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of a Committee of the Reformed Dutch Church that the railing erected in front of a House owned by the Church N° 190 Broad Way may be permitted to remain was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Charles Shepard & Co to be permitted to erect a Temporary shed on Broad Way at Bowery Hill, was referred to Street Committee.

A Petition of Henry Allen to be permitted to build a Cistern in the Street at N° 26 Maiden Lane was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 2d Ward and Street Commissioner

[288] A Letter was received from Arthur Burtis Esqr complaining of the great resort of idle Visitors to the Convicts placed on the Tread Mill, and requesting some arrangement may be made respecting the same, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Abraham Egbert to be Appointed Captain of the City Watch in place of Capt Walton resigned was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of the Merchants Exchange Company stating that by the report of the Commissioners for extending Garden Street and Sloat Lane the Corporation have become proprietors of a Gore of Land on the Northerly and Easterly side of Garden Street part of the lot of the Revd D. S. Bogart, that this gore would be of importance to the Exchange Company, and they therefore request the Corporation would Sell the Same to them in fee at the price it was valued at by the Commissioners of Assessment, the Same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee with powers.

[289] A Petition of Jacob Vincent for repayment of four dollars which remains in the hands of the Collector after payment of Taxes on two Lots in 29th Street Kips's Bay. was read and referred to the Finance Committee with powers.

A Petition of Alexander Stewart was received Stating that he has been employed a number of years as a Carpenter at the public yard that he has lately been discharged therefrom by the Superintendant of Repairs, and praying that the Case of his discharge may be enquired into and he restored—was read and referred to the Committee on Repairs.

A Letter was received from Gasper Richard on the subject of a Machine invented by him to prevent the extension of fires, which having been read was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of James Hazleton complaining of having been expelled from Engine Company N° 6 and praying a hearing before a Committee, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

[290] A Petition that a heap of Manure lying between King and Charlton Streets in Varick St. may be removed, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward.

A Petition that First Street may be opened from 1st Avenue to North Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition for a Well and pump at the Corner of Elizabeth and Spring Streets was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward

A Petition of a number of proprietors of Lots praying that Washington St. between Hammersley and Hammond Sts may be paved by private Contract was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Thos Cummings for payment of Bal. on Herring Street was referred to the Finance Committee

A Letter was received from Capt Francis [291] Allyn Commander of the Ship Cadmus requesting the Corporation to accept of a Portrait of the Marquis De La Fayette was read, And

Resolved that the same be accepted and that the Clerk of the Common Council return the thanks of this Common Council to Capt Allyn for his acceptable present.

The Finance Committee on the petition of Abraham L. Smith presented the following report against the petitioner,

The finance Committee respectfully report, on the accompanying papers and Letter from Abrm L Smith, as to some title deeds for a Lot in Fulton Street, where the Engine House Stands, The said Abrm L Smith claims five dollars for the said papers, but your Committee are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to pay the same.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to comply with the demand of Mr Smith.

Reuben Munson
Willm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Willm Burtsell
George Zabriskie

Whereupon the same was approved & the resolution *adoption* [adopted]

[292] The finance Committee to whom was referred the representation of the Street Commissioner respecting an Award to James C Lawrence reported as follows.

The finance Committee, respectfully report, on the annexed representation of the Street Commissioner respecting an award for damages on the opening of Beekman Street, which was made to James Crommelin Lawrence, whereas it was intended to be made to Charles Crommelin Lawrence, the Son of James Lawrence.

Your Committee think that it is manifest that Charles Crommelin Lawrence is entitled to the award in question, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that the Comptroller be authorised to alter the warrant for the award in question, in favor of the said Charles Crommelin Lawrence, and that the Street Commissioner be authorised to pay over the same to him in the usual manner according to Law provided the said Charles execute a proper release in the premises

Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Willm Burtsell
George Zabriskie

Which was approved and the Resolution and proviso adopted.

[293] The Market Committee on the petition of George Hawes to transfer his Stall N° 7 Washington Market to his son John F Haws reported in his favour as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of George Haws Butcher, requesting permission to transfer his Stand N° 7 Washington Market to his son John Frederick Haws.

Report; that Mr George Haws has become infirm of old age and that his son has attended to the business for the last year or two and has served a regular apprentiseship to the butchers trade, is industrious and of good character: Your Committee would therefore recommend that permission to transfer and a license be granted, for which purpose they offer the following resolution

Resolved, that George Haws have permission to transfer Stand N° 7 Washington Market to his son John Frederick Haws and that a

License be granted to John Frederick Haws on George Haws surrendering up the License now held by him for that Stand

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Shivers Parker
William H Ireland
Thomas T. Woodruff
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[294] The Ferry Committee on the petition of Jane Evans and others administrators of Saml Evans deceased reported in favor of Petitioners as follows,

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Jane Evans and Danl S Griswold for himself; for Joseph G Swift; and for Silas Butler, praying that Mrs. Evans may have leave to assign the lease of the Walnut Street Ferry to Mr Griswold General Swift, and Mr Butler respectfully Report that they have examined the matter stated in the said petition, & are of opinion that the prayer of the Petition ought to be granted. They therefore pray leave to introduce the following Resolution.

Resolved that Jane Evans be authorized to transfer the lease of the Walnut Street ferry to Daniel S Griswold, Joseph G Swift, and Silas Butler, and that the Comptroller have power to indorse the necessary Consent for that purpose on the said Lease

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Conover
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[295] The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner on the petition for a Well and pump near the intersection of Suffolk and Delancy St reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and Pump near the intersection of Suffolk and Delancy Streets Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

(Signed) Reuben Munson
Gideon Ostrander
R Graves, St Commr

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and pump in Norfolk St reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the tenth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Annexed petition of William Messerve and others for a Well & pump in Norfolk St. near Rivington Street, Report [296] that a Well and pump is much wanted in that Vicinity, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted.

Reuben Munson
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
R. Graves, St Commr

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and pump in Bleecker Street reported in favour of the Same as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition of Stephen J Brinkerhoff and Others for a Well and pump in Bleecker Street between the Bowery and Broadway Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Thomas T Woodruff
R Graves St Commr

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[297] The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward on the petition of Abel Sammis reported in his favor as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the petition of Abel Sammis to be appointed a Weigher of Hay for the 9th Ward beg leave to report the following resolution

Resolved, that Abel Sammis be and he hereby is appointed a Weigher of Hay in and for the 9th Ward of this City.

(Signed) Geo. S Doughty
Alpheus Sherman

Which was approved and he was appointed a Weigher of Hay accordingly.

The Street Committee on the petition for paving Essex St from Rivington to Stanton Street reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Hubbs and Others requesting that Essex Street may be regulated and paved from Rivington Street to Stanton Street,

Report, that in their Opinion the request of the petitioners is reasonable and Ought to be granted—and accordingly they recommend the Adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners [298] be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Signed Reuben Munson
Saml St John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for paving Washington St. from Hammersly to Hammond Street reported in favour as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons the Owners of Lots on Washington Street from Hammersly to Hammond Street, praying that, that Street may be paved, Report that the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Saml St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[299] The Street Committee on the petition to pave Pitt Street reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Owners of property on Pitt Street. praying that, that Street may be regulated and paved from Division Street to Stanton Street, Report, that in their Opinion the requests of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved, that the request of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Saml St. John

Which was approved and the resolution Adopted.

The Street Committee on petition for paving Hudson St. from Charlton to King Street reported in favour of the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry persons praying that Hudson Street may be paved from Charlton to King Street, Report that in their Opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and your Committee would recommend that the paving be continued to Christopher Street, in as much as Hudson Street is the direct communication between the [300] City and Greenwich Village, and at Certain Seasons of the year is rendered almost impassable on account, that it is not paved and of course deep and muddy, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Hudson Street be paved from Charlton Street to Christopher Street

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Saml St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition to Open 12th Street reported against the petition as follows. viz.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry persons to have 12th Street Opened from Broadway to Greenwich Lane as also a remonstrance against the same. Report that in the Opinion of your Committee the time has not arrived, when it shall be necessary to Open that Street, that it would at present be attended with serious injury to many of the land holders in its vicinity by destroying their well cultivated grounds and gardens.

Your Committee think it inexpedient [301] to grant the prayer of the petitioners, and accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Saml St. John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward on the petition of James Cooper for appointment as Weigher of Hay reported in his favour as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the petition of James Cooper for the appointment of Weigher of

Hay in and for the 9th Ward—Beg leave to report the following resolution.

Resolved, that James Cooper be, and he hereby is appointed a Weigher of Hay in and for the 9th Ward of this City

(Signed) Geo. S Doughty
Alpheus Sherman.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[302] The Street Committee on the petition to have Water Street repaved from Coenties to Old Slip reported against the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Whitney and others to have Water Street repaved from Coenties Slip to the Old Slip, and also the remonstrance against the same, report, that in their Opinion, the State of the pavement of that Street is such, as not to require repaving at the present—and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Reuben Munson
Saml St John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of St. Thomas's Church to place an iron railing around the Church reported in favour of the same as follows Viz,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of St. Thomas's Church for permission to place a railing in front of their Building at the Corner of Houston Street [303] and Broadway, report. that they are of the Opinion that no inconvenience will be derived by the public in granting their request, provided the railing does not exceed the width allowed by Law for the railing of Areas—And they accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that permission be given to Saint Thomas Church to place a railing in front of their building at the Corner of Broadway & Houston Street provided such railing does not extend farther into those Streets than the width of four feet on Broadway and three feet on Houston Street

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Reuben Munson
Saml St John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The following Gentlemen were Appointed firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies.

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Fire Hose Company N° 1

Alfred Underhill Grocer. Corner Mulberry & Pump Sts.
Vice. George Wardell Resigned.

Fire Engine Company N° 4

James M Ross House Carpenter Cor Church & Leonard St
Vice John Adams Resigned

[304] Fire Engine Company N° 4

Peter Knight, Venetian Blind Maker, 350 Greenwich St
Vice Francis Johnson, Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 8

William Claydon, Painter & Glazier 74 Duane St.
Vice David Richards Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 16

Jn° R Codwise Grocer Corner Cedar & Nassau St
Vice Thomas Mildiberger Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 18

Miles Chambers Merchant 360 Pearl St.
Vice Thom^{s} Leggett Jun^{r} Time Expired.

Fire Engine Company N° 19

James G Smith Cordwainder 292 Grand St.
Vice Thomas Holmes Time Expired.

Fire Engine Company N° 24

John Boss Cabinet Maker Henry St
Vice Henry Ward Resigned.

[305] Fire Engine Company N° 26

John Van Horn Blacksmith 244 Cherry St.
Vice Isaac Ruland Resigned.

Fire Engine Company N° 30

Jacob Wisterfield Rope Maker Delancy near Eldridge
Vice Richard Williams Resigned

Frederick Thompson Taylor 57 Elizabeth St.
Vice John Semlear Resigned

Benjamin M Taylor Cartman 83 Essex St.
Vice John Ackerman Resigned

Aaron Vanderbilt Black Smith Eldridge & Rivington
Vice William Farrington Resigned

James Eddy Shoe Maker Chrystie near Rivington
Vice Benj R Raynor Resigned.

A Report from Peter F Cisco Inspector of Weights & Measures was presented and Ordered to be filed,

The Watch Committee to whom had been [306] referred several petitions for the Appointment to the Office of Captain of the City Watch presented a Report recommending Azel Concklin to the Office. Which was read and laid for Consideration.

The Attorney presented the following in relation to a Lease to James Flanagan.

The Attorney herewith respectfully presents for excution a Lease to James Flanagan of Lot N° 203 in the Common Lands, for Eight Years from the 1st day of May next at the rent of $25 per annum. The Lease has been made out by direction of the Comptroller

respectfully Submitted,
M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Lease was directed to be duly executed

He also reported that the Supreme Court had confirmed the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate in relation to Mott Street Thompson St.—Opening 5th Avenue to 8th Street and to Garden St. and Sloat Lane, Which was referred to the St Committee.

He also presented a Law relative to the Sale of Hay the Consideration of which was postponed.

[307] The Street Commissioner presented a Communication respecting the renewal of the Collectors Bonds which expire on the 1st of Septemr next which was referred to the Counsel of the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed Viz.

For a Well and pump in Suffolk Street near Delancy Street and Benjn Prince, Abraham Dally & John Brower were appointed Assessors.

For pitching and paving Essex Street from Rivington to Stanton St. and James Bleecker Cary Dunn Junr and Francis Peckwell were Appointed Assessors,

For a Well and pump in Norfolk near Rivington Street, and James Bleecker, John Bedient and John Salesbury appointed Assessors,

For Well and Pump in Bleecker Street between the Bowery and Broadway and Francis Peckwell Isaac Kip and Cary Dunn Junr were appointed Assessors.

[308] For pitching and paving Hudson St. from Charlton to Christopher St. and Cary Dunn Junr Francis Peckwell & Isaac Kip were Appointed Assessors.

For paving Pitt St. from Division to Stanton St. and Abraham Dally Benjn Prince and John Targee were appointed Assessors,

For paving Washington St. from Hammersley to Hammond St. and James Bleecker, John Bedient and John Salisbury were appointed Assessors,

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for Correcting Nuisances

No 1	J Lorillard	Owner	23	Ferry St.	A Lot
2	G Weeks	do	88	Division	"
3	H Ashfield	do		Varick St	"
4	Wm Reed	do		do	"
5	Jno E Mowatt	do		Amity	"
6	Thoms Storm	do		Carmine	"
7	[309] O Ruggles	ditto		Greene St	"
8	S Van Ransellaer	ditto		Collect St	"
9	J J Lockwood	ditto		ditto	"
10	Wm Lawrence	ditto		ditto	"
11	Robt Cochran	ditto		Front St	"
12	Danl Banta	ditto		Sullivan St	"
13	H Bertholf	ditto		Do	"
14	J Lane	ditto		Do	"
15	J P Chrystie	ditto		Do	"
16	Ackerman & Remsen	ditto		Do	"
17	R B Coley	ditto		Broome St	"
18	J Whetten	ditto		Watts St	"
19	A L Stewart	ditto		Do	"
20	Chs Cadle	ditto		Do	"
21	Robt Bogardus	ditto		Canal St	"
22	G Lorillard	ditto		Do	"
23	J Ellis	ditto		Hudson St	"
24	C. M & R Foshay	ditto		Do	"
25	J N Wells	ditto		Do	"
26	C Lewis	ditto		Do	"
27	Wm B Crosby	ditto		Bancker St	"
28	P Lorillard	ditto		Chrystie St	"
29	J J Astor	ditto		King St	"
30	Rd Amos	ditto		Greenwich St	"
31	J Covel	ditto		Spring St	"
32	D Haggerty	ditto		Anthony St	"
33	T Pugsley	ditto		Division St	"

Geo. Cuming
Cy Inspector.

[310] Alderman Ireland presented a resolution directing the repeal of so much of the Law respecting the Sale of Bread as directs the Sale of Bread by Weight in Loaves of One, two pounds &c without any fractional parts, Which was referred to the following Special Committee Alderman Ireland, Parker, Taylor Messrs Bolton & Cowdrey.

Mr Burtsell presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, that it be referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slip to enquire into the propriety of extending the 12th District for the Inspection of Firewood.

Alderman Zabriskie After some prefatory Observations presented the following Resolutions which was unanimously adopted,

Whereas the Common Council are desirous of perpetuating the Memory of a Man who will be distinguished in the Annals of Our Country for his Love of Freedom and of Military Glory Whose name will be ever associated by posterity with that of Washington, the illustrious Founder of our republic. And as the portrait of one so venerated will be always looked upon with [311] Interest and will awaken feelings favourable to Virtue and patrotism,

Resolved, therefore that the Honble Major Genl the Marquis De La Fayette be requested to favour this Common Council with sitting for his Portrait to be placed in the gallery of Portraits of the Common Council among those great and good men who have done honor and Service to Our Country.

Resolved that the Committee of Arrangements be requested to wait upon the Marquis with a Copy of this Resolution and on his acceding to the request that they take charge of the execution of the same.

He also presented the following resolution which was unanimously Adopted.

Resolved, also in testimony of the high respect which this Common Council entertain for George Washington De LaFayette the Son of the Marquis De LaFayette whose Virtues they trust he bears with the Honored name of his father, be made a Freeman of the City of New York, and that the Certificate of Freedom handsomely engrossed be presented to him in a golden box.

Resolved that the Committee [on Arrangements] have the above Resolution carried into effect

[312] Alderman Doughty presented the following Resolution which was adopted and referred to the same Committee to carry into effect.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Board in relation to Gen[l] De La Fayette, together with the address of the Mayor to him, and his Answer thereto, with his signature in his own proper hand writing. and the signatures of the Mayor, Recorder, and the Members of the Common Council, be handsomely engrossed on Vellum, One Copy thereof to be presented to the General, and One Copy to be placed among the Archives of the Common Council.

The Comptroller made the following report

Balance as per Acct 2[d] Inst		$1.38
Rec[d] for Rents		12.447.59
" " Taxes of 1823 2[d] & 6[th] Wards		2.458.03
" " Streets		6.911.70
" " Police Office fees		1.474.96
" " Justices Courts		785.29
" " Wells & pumps		509.85
" " Arrears of Tax		500.
" " Fines &c of Sheriff		496.
" " Commutation Alien passengers		205.
[313]" " Mayoralty fees		93.
" " District Attorney's fees		86.66
" " Fines &c of Attorney		13.11
	$25.982.57	
Loan of J. Fleming from Amount paid by Banks &c of Tax, without Interest	22.300.	
		$48.282.57

59 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Walton, Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2[d] "	666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3[d] "	645.75
G. N. Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qr 15 Inst	400.
J. P. Roome Super. Repairs 14 Inst	250.
John Burger regulating 4 public Clocks 1 q[r] 1 Inst	50.
M Ulshoeffer Sundry Charges	207.90
Leonard Baum Clk Washington Mark[t] 1 Mo 1 Inst	65.29
John Bremner " Catharine " " "	58.00
Peter Amerman " Six " " "	50.50
Ja[s] Hopson Special Justice 1 Qr 12 Inst.	400.
Henry Abell " " " "	400.
Smith Ovutt " " " "	400.
S L'Hommedieu Clk police " "	312.50
R Stephens Ass[t] " do " "	250.
H. Maxwell Dis[t] Attorney " "	625.
R. Hatfield Clk of Sessions " "	375.
R. Hatfield do do to pay Witnesses " "	30.

Abr Leggett Supg & Work mud machine 12 dys 15 Inst....	116.88
[314] Abrm Knapp 1 Qr Rent. Court room 4 & 6 Ward 1st Inst.....	25.
Saml Downing 1 Qr Rent Court room 7 & 10 Ward 1st Inst.	25.
Commercial Advertiser Adverts Tavern Licenses.....	11.50
Lang Turner & Co Advertising Law for New Councils &c..	44.00
Merchantile Advertiser, Advertising Law for New Councils &c.....	42.00
American, Advertising Law for New Councils &c.....	42.00
National Advocate, do do " ditto	42.00
National Advocate Subscripn 4½ Mo. 15 June.....	37.50
Susannah Drake & Chs Drake Error in Assessment 2d Ward	27.90
William Slosson Counsel fee, case Canal St Sewer & Assesst Banker St.....	125.
H. Smith bal. reg & pav Beekman St. from Water St to East river	427.42
H. Smith bal. reg & pav Washington St. from Watts to Charlton St.....	290.21
A. H. Mooney Acct. reg & pav New St from Garden to Beaver St.....	240.00
H. Smith bal. reg & pav. Collister St from Beach to Laight St.....	200.06
J. Pinkerton, bal. reg. & pav. South St from Dover to Roosevelt St.....	197.87
[315] H Smith Bal. reg & repav. Front St from Fulton to Peck slip	192.25
H Smith Acct reg & repav Water St. from Fulton to Peck slip	160.
H Smith Acct repav Beekman St from Pearl to Cliff St...	100.00
J Pinkerton Bal. reg. & pav Canal St from Church to Sullivan St.....	47.26
Commercial Advertiser Adverg Sale Assessmt 9th Augt &c.	62.
American, adverts Sale assessmt 9th Augt &c.....	50.
James Bleecker Auction fees 24 Lots for Assessts and 3 Stands Essex Market.....	52.50
J. Gallagher 1s payment Well Rhynder St near Broome St.	76.28
G Charlton 1s payment Well 11th Street near Bowery.....	54.
R Pettigrew 1s paymt Well Canal St nr Hudson.....	29.75
J. Anderson 1s paymt building Pier Roosevelt St Basin....	1.445.
W. Westerfield & G Tucker Acct Mason Work Fever Hospital	2.500.00
J. Lucas on Acct. Carpenter's Work fever Hospital.....	1.000.
Robt Bogardus Attorney for Corns Roosa Verdict & Costs Vs Board of Health.....	535.96
R Munson Treasurer. Board of Health.....	464.04

[316] J P Roome supt			Repairs for Stone to repair Castle Clinton	1456.12	
J P Roome	ditto	"	Repairs	418.	
J P Roome	ditto	"	Fire Department	391.	
J P. Roome	ditto	"	Alms House Deparr..	200.	
J. P Roome	ditto	"	Wells & Pumps.....	145.	
J. P. Roome	ditto	"	Markets	102.	
J. P. Roome	ditto	"	Lamp Department ...	100.	
A Burtis Superintendant Alms House.....				5000.	
P H. Wendover Chairman Commissioners Common Schools for 1824				7.208.89	
J Fleming Treasurer to pay Interest on City Stock 1 Qr 1s Inst.....				18.500.	$33.521.01
			Balance	Dollars	97.74

The Board adjourned

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IN Common Council.

August 30th 1824.

Present.

The Hon.ble Wm. Paulding Junr. Mayor President
Richd. Riker Esqr. Recorder

1 Ward		Thos. Bolton	
2 do.		Saml. St. John	
3 do.	Wm. H. Sutherland	J	
4 do.	Thaddeus Seymour	Saml. Cowdrey	Aldermen
5 do.	George Labrishe	Wm. Dusenbery	
6 do.	Thos. Parker	Stephen Simmons	
7 do.	Jacob J. Taylor	James M. Lee.	
8 do.		Thos. J. Woodruff	
9 do.		Ephraim Sherman	
10 do.		Gideon Ostrander	

Assistants

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

[318] A petition to pave at the foot of Washington Street from Beaver Lane to Marketfield Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from Sundry Owners of property between Walnut and Governeur Street that a Street may be opened from the East river to Grand Street between the Streets aforesaid, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of William Ferris to Lease a Lot of Ground in Anthony Street between little Water Street and Cross St. was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from Henry Arther to Lease the same Lot of Ground was referred to the Same Committee

A petition of George Lovett for Balance of Contract for building Grand St. Sewer, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Lewis Moore stating that [319] he had been notified to repair the pavement on Pearl, Moore and Water Streets—that alterations were required as to the arch of Said Streets and requesting attention may be paid thereto—which was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Isaac Anderson to be appointed Captain of the City Watch was read and laid on the Table.

A Similar petition from J W Woodward was read and laid on the Table.

A Similar petition from W^{m} H Hardenbrook was presented, and also laid on the table.

A petition of Edward Byrne for permission to sell goods at Auction in the Street at Chatham Square was referred to the Street Committee.

A Request from a Committee of the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge for permission to quarry Stone for the purposes of the [320] Institution from the Road near the premises or from lands belonging to the Corporation in the Neighbourhood, Which being read was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places with powers.

A Remonstrance from a number of Owners of Property against granting the prayer of a Petition before the Board for a Well and Pump at the corner of Spring & Elizabeth Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward.

A petition of John L. Everitt for Office of Inspector of Lumber, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A petition of Sundry Inhabitants for paving the side Walks in Rhinder Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from J Morton & Ch^{s} King in behalf of a Committee of Militia Officers and Citizens was received Stating that it, being intended to give a Fète to Gen^{l} LaFayette at [321] the Castle Garden they requested permission for Carriages on that Occasion to drive on the Battery to the Bridge leading to the Castle, The same having been read it was referred to the Committee on Lands and places with powers to grant such facilities as they should judge necessary on that Occasion.

A Petition of Owners of property on Hudson St north of Charlton Street, Remonstrating against the proposed paving of Hudson St, from King to Charlton St. and praying.

First. That they may have the power Vested in themselves to pave said Street, &,

Secondly, That the paving be deferred until June next. Which being read was referred to the Street Committee with powers.

The Committee on Wharves piers and Slip on the Resolution referred to them respecting extending the 12th Firewood Inspection District reported as follows. viz.

The Committee on Wharves. Piers and Slips, to whom the annexed resolution was referred, respecting the propriety of extending the twelfth district for the Inspection of firewood, respectfully report, that the existing State of things requires [322] that, one of the inspectors in the Twelfth district, should be empowered to inspect all firewood that may or shall be landed between the Hoboken ferry house and the South side of Warren Street on the North river

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that One of the Inspectors of firewood for the twelfth district be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to inspect all the firewood that may or shall be landed between Hoboken ferry House and the South side of Warren Street, on the North river

George Zabriskie
Signed Sam^{l} Cowdrey
W^{m} H Ireland
Shivers Parker

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Police Committee on the representation of the Commissioner of the Alms House respecting Visitors to the Tread Mill reported as follows Viz.

The Police Committee to whom the Communication from the Commissioners of the Alms House in relation to the evils arising from the numerous Visitors to See the [323] Tread Mill, was referred, respectfully report.

That upon an investigation of this subject the Committee are satisfied that great inconvenience results from the unrestrained liberty hitherto granted to visit this establishment, and that there is every reason to fear that it has a very injurious effect upon the prisoners— The Committee fully concur with the Commissioners in the Opinion that an immediate check ought to be given to this growing evil, and they beg leave, for that purpose to submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that from and after this period, no person shall be allowed to Visit the Tread Mill, at Bellevue without a Written permission from his Honor the Mayor or the Recorder, or one of the Members of the Common Council, or One of the Commissioners of the Alms House.

Resolved that the Clerk of this Board furnish the Commissioners with a Copy of this report.

Thomas Bolton.
(Signed) T. Seymour
Sam[l] St. John

Which was approved and the Resolutions Adopted.

It was also directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board

[324] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Francis Campbell respecting a part of his brothers Estate paid over by the public Administrator to the City Treasurer reported as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully Report on the annexed petition of Francis Campbell, That the Petitioner has obtained from the Surrogate of New York letters of Administration, with the Will annexed, of the estate and effects of his late Brother William Campbell, and is therefore entitled to receive the balance in the hands of the Chamberlain of that Estate, as paid in by the Public Administrator.

By Law the Public Administrator is annually to exhibit to the Common Council a Statement of his receipt and expenditures, therefore the Vouchers for the Administration of the estate would seem to belong to the Public Administrator, as he is only bound to deliver a Statement, which Statement is to be published by the Common Council

Your Committee therefore think, that this Board cannot direct the

receipts to be given to the petitioner, and they accordingly Offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested [325] to report a Warrant for the balance of the above mentioned estate of William Campbell which was paid in by the Public Administrator, in favour of Francis Campbell his administrator with the Will annexed.

William H Ireland
(Signed) George Zabriskie
William Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Resolution proposing an alteration in the Law regulating the Manufacture and Sale of Bread presented a Report and a Law corresponding therewith which were laid for Consideration and directed to be published for the use of the members.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 1

Henry Hopper Cartman 550 Broome St
Vice Potter Edsall Resigned.

[326] Fire Engine Company N° 8

George Janeway Gent[n] 70 Chatham
Vice George Greenzebach Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 10

Charles Huestice Grocer Cor of Bowery & first
Vice James Pensford Resigned,

Fire Engine Company N° 15

Whitehead H Andrews Tallow Chand[l]er 5 Lombardy
Vice Jeremiah F Craig Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 20

Thomas J Mingus Carpenter 75 Provoost St
Vice Sam[l] Jackson Resigned

Alexander Barr Carpenter 64 Chamber
Vice Moses C Hedden Resigned

William Creighton Carpenter Elm St.
Vice William Butler joined Another Company

James Smith Turner 55 Elm St Vice William Bull Time Expired.

[327] William T Kemp Clerk Cor of Dey & Greenwich St
Vice Thomas Jeroleman, Time Expired.

Fire Engine Company N° 22

Benjamin Farrington Grocer < Harman & Clinton
Vice Nevingston Greenard Resigned

William Carter Carpenter 165 Bancker St
Vice Henry Brush Time Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 29

Asa W Hall Tin Smith Greenwich St Vice Ezekiel Miles Resigned

Jacob Vansaan Cartman Greenwich St
Vice Uziah Codington Resigned

Halsted Blauvelt Cartman Herring St
Vice David Dunn Time Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 36

William Day Brass founder < Watt and Varick Sts
Vice James Thorp Resigned

[328] Fire Engine Company N° 37

Collin Campbell Bellows Maker Allen N^r North
Vice Bishop Cornell Time Expired

Alfred W Shadbolt Shoe Maker 100 Forsyth
Vice John Lee Time Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 40

Cornelius Read Carpenter Division St N^r Grand
Vice William Banta Dead.

The Attorney presented the following Leases of Land heretofore Sold for Taxes or assessments

The Attorney of the Board herewith presents for execution, the following Leases of Lands heretofore Sold at Auction for Non payment of taxes and Assessments, the same not having been redeemed within the period prescribed by Law, and the said Leases having been prepared agreeably to the directions of the Street Commissioner.

1 All that Certain Lot of ground in the 9^th Ward at Kip's Bay, near land of G & R Waite, Assessed as belonging to Joseph Hone Sold to John E Mowatt for 35 Years from 12^th August 1824 for $13 $^{38}/_{100}$.

2^nd [329] All that certain Lot of ground in the 8^th Ward, on the East Side of Orange between Spring and Prince Sts. Assessed as belonging to T & J Gardner—Sold to Isaac Thorne for 15 Years from 12^th August 1824 for $217 $^{74}/_{100}$.

3rd All those five Lots of Land at Harleam, in the 9th Ward, in Waldrons plot so called, assessed as belonging to Wm Udall—Sold to Peter Kerrison for 18 Years, from 12th August 1824 for $10 53/100

4th All that Certain House and Lot in the 9th Ward, on the north side of Charles between Herring and Hudson Streets, assessed as belonging to Thomas Blanch Sold to Isaac Thorne for three years from 12th Augt 1824 for $25 51/100

5th All that Lot of ground in the 10th Ward on the west side of Pitt between Broome and Delancy Streets, Assessed as belonging to Henry Livingston. Sold to John E Mowatt for 15 Years, from 12th August 1824. for $15 02/100

6th All that Lot in the 10th Ward on the West Side of Pitt, between Broome and Delancy Streets, Assessed as belonging to Henry Livingston, Sold to John E Mowatt for 12 Years from 12th August 1824 for $15 02/100

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

[330] The Attorney also presented the following Report together with a release from Charles Crommeline Lawrence for an award to him in case of Openning Beekman St.

Agreeably to the resolution of the board on that subject, the Attorney herewith presents a release from Charles Crommeline Lawrence to the Corporation, of all his interest in the property taken for extending Beekman St. in consideration of the payment to him of certain awards of the Commissioners made to him by the name of James Crommeline Lawrence.

Mr Lawrence will be in Town to morrow to execute the said release, and the Attorney respectfully suggests the propriety of directing the Comptroller and St Commissioner, on its execution, to carry into effect the resolution passed at the last meeting

respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Report was approved and the St. Commissioner and Comptroller directed to act agreeably thereto.

He also presented the following report of property sold for assessments.

The Attorney respectfully Reports for [331] execution the following certificates of the sale of property sold for Assessments in pursuance of the Statute by the Street Commissioner on the 9th day of August instant. viz

1st All that certain house and Lot situate on the west side of Dover Street, between Pearl and Water Streets, in the fourth Ward. sold to Robert Gracie for 2 years, from 9th August 1826 for the Sum of $463 $^{55}/_{100}$ Assessed as belonging to Archibald Gracie.

2nd All that piece of Land in the fourth Ward of the said City, on the north side of South Street, between Dover and Roosevelt Streets. assessed as belonging to Elizabeth Morris, sold to Adrian H. Van Bokkelin for 15 years from 9th August 1826 for the sum of $170 $^{98}/_{100}$

3rd. All that piece of Land in the fourth Ward, on the south side of Front Street between Dover & Roosevelt Streets, assessed as belonging to Elizabeth Morris, Sold to Adrian H Van Bokkelin for 15 years from 9th August 1826 for $80 $^{16}/_{100}$

4th. All that certain piece of Land in the fourth Ward, on the North side of Front St. between Dover and Roosevelt Streets, assessed as belonging to Elizabeth Morris, Sold to Adrian H Van Bokkelin for 15 years from 9th August 1826 for $80 $^{16}/_{100}$.

5th. All that certain piece of land on the South side of Water Street between Dover and [332] Roosevelt Streets, in the fourth ward, assessed as belonging to Elizabeth Morris, Sold to Adrian H Van Bokkelin for One year from 9th Augt 1826 for $147 $^{32}/_{100}$

6th All that certain wharf, on the South side of South Street between Dover & Roosevelt Streets in the Fourth ward, assessed as belonging to Elizabeth Morris, sold to Adrian H. Van Bokkelin for 15 years from 9th August 1826 for $101 $^{50}/_{100}$

7th All that Certain house and lot of ground in the second ward, on the West side of Cliff, between Beekman and Fulton Streets, assessed as belonging to the heirs of John Anderson, sold to Thomas R. Ludlam for one year from 9th August 1826, for $41 $^{86}/_{100}$

8th All that certain house and Lot of ground in the second ward, on the South side of Beekman between Gold and William Streets, assessed and belonging to the Heirs of John Anderson, sold to Aaron B Woodruff, for 4 years from 9th August 1826 for $284 $^{49}/_{100}$

9th All that certain Lot in the Eighth Ward, on the West Side of Greene between Prince and Spring Streets, assessed as belonging to John Edwards Junr Sold to Thomas R Ludlam for 6 years [333] from 9th Augt 1826 for $22 $^{94}/_{100}$

10th All that certain Lot of Land in the Tenth Ward, on the west side of Attorney between North and Stanton Streets, assessed as

belonging to David M^c^Cready, sold to Thomas R Ludlam for One year from 9th August 1826 for $23 $^{2}/_{100}$

11th All that certain lot of Land in the Tenth Ward, on the west side of Attorney between North and Stanton Streets, assessed as belonging to David M^c^Cready, sold to Thom^s^ R Ludlam for ten years from 9th August 1826 for $22 $^{68}/_{100}$.

12th All that certain lot of Land in the Tenth Ward on the west side of Attorney between North and Stanton Streets, assessed as belonging to David M^c^Cready, sold to Thomas R Ludlam for Eight years from 9th August 1826 for $22 $^{16}/_{100}$

13th All that certain lot of land in the tenth ward on the west side of Attorney between North and Stanton Streets, assessed as belonging to David M^c^Cready, sold to Thomas R. Ludlam for Eight years from the 9th of August 1826 for $21 $^{65}/_{100}$

14th All that certain lot of Land in the tenth Ward, on the west side of Attorney between North and Stanton Streets, assessed as belonging to David M^c^Cready, sold to Thomas [334] R. Ludlam for 6 years from 9th Aug^t^ 1826 for $21.$^{12}/_{100}$

15th All that certain lot of land in the tenth ward, on the west side of Attorney between North and Stanton Streets, assessed as belonging to David M^c^Cready, sold to Thomas R Ludlam for 9 years from 9th August 1826 for $15 $^{62}/_{100}$

16th All those two certain lots situate in the Eighth ward, on the west side of Wooster between Bleecker and Amity Streets, assessed as belonging to John Miller, sold to William Edmonds for 9 years from 9th Aug^t^ 1826 for $23 $^{78}/_{100}$

17th All that certain lot of land situate in the Eighth Ward, on the north side of Canal, between Wooster and Greene Streets, assessed as belonging to John Shay, sold to Thomas Scott for 8 years from 9th August 1826 for $61 $^{79}/_{100}$

18th All that certain lot of land in the Tenth ward on the south side of Delancy, between Forsyth and Eldridge Sts. assessed as belonging to Andrew Rothgangle, sold to John Johnson for 6 years from 9th August 1826, for $14 $^{65}/_{100}$

19th All that certain house and lot in the fifth ward, on the East side of Chapel, between Lespenard & Walker Streets [335] assessed as belonging to Joseph Galley, sold to William Edmonds, for 2 years from 9th Aug^t^ 1826 for $39 $^{91}/_{100}$

20th All that certain House and Lot in the Fourth ward, on the west side of James Street, between Batavia and Cherry Sts. assessed

as belonging to William Lambert, sold to Isaac Ammerman for 2 years from 9th August 1826 for $49 58/100

21st All that certain House and Lot in the Eighth Ward, on the West side of Thompson between Broome and Spring Streets, assessed as belonging to Eliza Evertson, sold to James Morange for 12 years from 9th August 1826 for $190 86/100

22nd All that certain house and lot of [land] in the Eighth Ward, on the north side of Spring between Wooster and Laurens Street, assessed as belonging to Robert *Furgeson* [Ferguson], sold to William J. Cantelo for 3 years from 9th August 1826 for $18 53/100.

23rd All that certain House and lot in the Fifth Ward, on the east side of Church between Lispenard and Canal Streets, assessed as belonging to Thomas Blanch, sold to William S. Watkins for 2 years from 9th August 1826 for $108 27/100.

24th All that certain house and lot in the Eighth ward, on the west side of [336] Wooster between Spring and Prince Streets assessed as belonging to Robert Furguson Sold to Stuart Elder for 7 years from 9th August. 1826 for $17 06/100

Respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the said Certificates were directed to be duly authenticated.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report in relation to the Gas light Company.

The Street Commissioner on whom was conferred the charge of attending to the carrying into Effect the agreements and stipulations of the Gas Company with the Corporation of this City so far as relates to the digging, filling and repaving so much of the Streets as should be required for the purpose of laying the Gas pipes—begs leaves to state that he has particularly and unremittingly attended to that part of his duty, and from time to time given directions to the agent of the Gas Company as to the manner of performing the work, the which he is sorry to say has not been complied with

The Street Commissioner at length finding but little attention paid to his directions [337] Applied to the President and Directors of that Company; from whom he had received assurances that in future there shall be no cause of complaint, that every part of the pavement found insufficient shall be repaired, and that a person should be employed whose duty it should be to attend constantly to the filling ramming and repaving the breaches made in the pavements by the laying of the Gas pipes.

Should the Board deem it necessary or expedient to give any further instructions to their Street Commissioner in the premises they are assured, that they will be duly carried into effect

respectfully Submitted

R Graves
St Commr

Whereupon the Same was ordered to be filed.

The Street Commissioner, presented an assessment for paving side walks in Prince St. between Broadway and the Bowery, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The Comptroller presented a Release of [338] Quit Rent to the Merchants' Bank on a grant formerly made to Theophilus Hardenbrook

The Comptroller respectfully presents to the Board, for their approbation, a Release of Quit rent on a Water lot granted to Theopholis Hardenbrook on the 13th day of August 1772. The Indenture is to The President Directors and Company of the Merchants Bank in this City, and was Commuted by them on the 28th Inst.

It is approved by the Counsel of the Board.

G. N Bleecker Comptr

Whereupon the same was directed to be duly executed

The City Inspector presented the following Report on a sunken Lot corner of McDougal and Amity Streets

The City Inspector respectfully reports that a sunken Lot at the Corner of McDougall and Amity Streets, formerly owned by Mr Stone, was lately ordinanced to correct a nuisance there; but as the property has been sold for the payment of taxes, and the present possessor declines [339] filling it in on the principle that it may be redeemed before the expiration of two years, and that, in that event, he could not recover the expence of correcting the nuisance; it therefore appears that this is a Case requiring the interferance of the Board, more especially as it is filled with Water, and the adjoining Lots have Lost much Earth which fell into this Lot during every rain.

It is therefore recommended that the Nuisance be corrected at the public charge and a lien held for the Expense thereof, in pursuance of the law lately enacted for that purpose

respectfully Submitted

Geo. Cumming
City Inspector.

Whereupon the said Report was accepted

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for correction of nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting nuisances

No 1	R. Bogardus	Owner	84	Essex St	A Lot
2	W Wainwright	"		Greenwich St	"
3	R. Riker	"		Sheriff St	"
4	J. Hitchcock	Occupt		Do	"
5	[340] Jno J. Astor	Owner		Elizabeth St	"
6	B Birdsall	"		Lispenard St	"
7	Wm C. French	"		Orange St	"
8	J. Laing	"		Catharine Lane	"
9	Wm Ross	"		Anthony St	"

Geo. Cuming Cy Inspector

A Communication, from John Shephard stating that Mr Mott Weighmaster at Fulton Market at the time the Corporation were escorting the Marquis De La Fayette from Staten Island to the City had uttered certain indecorous expressions. the same was referred to the Market Committee

A Request of Mr John Vanderlyn to be employed to paint the Portrait of the Marquis De La Fayette ordered by the Corporation, and a

Similar request from J W Jarvis were referred to the Committee of arrangement with powers—and it was Resolved, that the said Committee have full powers in relation to such attentions as they may judge it proper to pay to the Marquis on his return and during his residence in the City

[341] The Commissioners, under the Laws of April 1823 in relation to Lots and Streets between North and 34th Streets, presented a Report accompanied with Maps which were referred to the Street Committee.

A Subpoena issuing out of the Court of Chancery dated 9th of August Inst. at suit of Robt M Livingston and Sarah B his wife against the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York returnable on 24th Augt Inst. was presented as having been served upon the Mayor. Whereupon the Attorney was directed to enter his appearance and defend said suit.

An Invitation from the Choral Society inviting the Corporation and through them the Marquis De La Fayette to a grand performance of Sacred Music in Saint Pauls Church was received

The Recorder presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that the Committee be requested to communicate the thanks of the Board to "the Choral Society of New York" for their polite invitation, and to assure the Society that [342] the same shall be submitted to the Marquis and his Answer transmitted to the Society.

Alderman Taylor presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That Mercer Street be regulated and paved from Bleecker St to Amity St. and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for that purpose.

Alderman Taylor also presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Lands and Places to take into consideration the propriety of selecting a suitable place to be used as a Potters field

Mr St. John Chairman of the Committee on Lands and Places made a Verbal report on subject of the expences of the City Burial Ground. He stated that they would come short of the first estimate which was $10.000 and he believed they might be brought within the sum of $6,000. The Recorder presented a Resolution directing a Warrant to be reported for Arthur Burtis Treasurer of the [343] Committee for the further sum of $2,500 which was adopted.

The Comptroller made the following Report. viz

Balance in the Treasury as pr Acct 18 Inst	97.74	
Received for Rents	5990.10	
" " Tavern Licenses	3657.	
" " Clerk of Sessions fees	149.50	
" " Taxes of 1823. 2d Ward	3500.	
" " Mayoralty fees	82.	
" " Commutation Alien passrs	5.	
	$10.481.34	
Loan of J. Fleming from Amt paid by Banks &c of Tax of 1823, without Interest	8.100.	
		$18.581.34

41 Accounts Audited

H. Leek Watch 1st Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2d "	666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "	645.75
John Sidell 1st Marshall 1 Qr Salary 1 July	225.
George Cuming Cy Inspr 1 Qr do 1 Septr	200.
Talman J Waters Clk Compr Office 1 Qr 24 Augt	200.
Thos Franklin Chief Engineer 1 Qr 18 Inst	125.

Astin & Higbie Messengers		1 Mo.	1 Sept.	52.
Obadiah Ayres Asst Cy Inspr		"	"	45.50
John Coffin	ditto	"	"	45.50
[344] Wm Schureman	Keeper Pottersfield	"	"	38.75
Andrew McCready	" Park	"	"	31.
Charles Gilman	" Battery	"	"	31.
O Jaques	St Inspector 1 Wd	"	"	31.
P. Wright	" 2 "	"	"	31.
T Jeroleman	" 3 "	"	"	31.
N B Lyon	" 4 "	"	"	31.
A. Ackerman	" 5 "	"	"	31.
W Kerr	" 6 "	"	"	31.
B Fuller	" 7 "	"	"	31.
S. Hutchings	" 8 "	"	"	31.
D. Hubbard	" 10 "	"	"	31.
John Bremner	Clk Catharine Markt	"	"	57.
Geo. Duryea	" Fulton "	"	"	41.67
Richd Smith	" Franklin "	"	"	38.75
Isaac Astin	Sweeper Fulton "	"	"	38.59

Geo B Thorp Keeper City Prison & 2 Dep 1 Qr 1 Augt	450.
J Pinckney Assist Board of Health 1 Month 1 Septemr	45.50
B Hicks Assist Board of Health 1 Month 1 Septemr	45.50
Abrm Leggett Superg & Work Mud Machine 12 days to 29 Augt	125.71
G Snethen Lightg Lamps 1 Mo 1 Septr	609.37
Robt Provoost reparg " 1 " 1 "	62.54
H. Tallman Coroner, fees 1 Qr 1 Inst	652.81
[345] J. Hays for Officers Extra Services Police 1 Qr 26th August	204.59
J Hays for Officers Conveying persons to C Prison 1 Qr. 1 Augt	193.50
J Hays for Officers Conveying persons to Penitenty 1 Qr 26 Augt	72.
R Pettigrew 1st paymt Well Henry St. near Grand St	72.
J. Gallagher 1st payment Well, Lombardy near Pitt St	63.80
R Graves Street Commissioner for repairs Road	800.00
H Smith, Acct. flagging around the Battery	1600.
Estate Thos Lovett by Geo Lovett Acct filling at Battery	10.000.

The Board adjourned.

[346] In Common Council September 13th 1824

Present The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President
[Richard Riker] Recorder

Aldermen			Assistants		
1	Ward		1	Ward	Thoms Bolton
2	"	Elisha W King	2	"	Saml St John
3	"	Wm H Ireland	3	"	Philip Hone
4	"	Thaddeus Seymour	4	"	Saml Cowdrey
5	"		5	"	Wm Burtsell
6	"	Shivers Parker	6	"	
7	"	Asa Mann	7	"	Jameson Cox
8	"	Jacob B Taylor	8	"	Thos T Woodruff
9	"	Geo. S Doughty	9	"	Alpheus Sherman
10	"	Reuben Munson	10	"	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

A Petition of George Warner praying to purchase from Corporation a gore of Land on 4th Street which lies in front of property belonging to the Corporation was read and referred to the Finance Committee

[347] A Petition of Charles Coles for release from a penalty incured by digging out Henry Street was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of George Zabriskie for permission to commute for a Water lot grant made to David Ackerman on 10th Janr 1804 on the North river was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition for a Cross walk to be laid from House No 154 Chatham Street to 163 same Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistants 4th and 6th Wards.

A Petition that the Ferry Stairs at White Hall Slip may be repaired, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Occupants in West St. that West Street from Barclay to Murray Street may be regulated and paved was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Catharine O'Donnell for leave to sell Crockery in Fulton Market, was [348] referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Hugh Goble for grant of Stall No 15 Washington Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John J Morris for Office of Inspector of Lumber was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Remonstrance of Owners of property in Vicinity of Gouverneur

St and Walnut St against opening a Street between said Streets from Grand to South Streets—was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Isaac H Underhill for relief from a Judgement recovered against him for driving a Cart without a License and also for Cartmans License on giving security, which being read was referred to the Police Committee

A petition of Engell Friend for relief from a fine for illegally constructing a privy [349] was referred to the Police Committee

A petition of John G Tibbet was received praying repayment of 42 dollars paid by him on certain property sold as belonging to David M^{c}Cready for non payment of Assessment, on which he had a Mortgage, which he bought in and which $42 was for expences not necessary—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Sundry Inhabitants, that the Square or Triangular piece of ground at Division Street may be regulated and paved was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Fire Engine N° 16 was received stating that they lately elected James R Codwise a member of the Company but who th[r]ough mistake was returned by the name of John and praying the Error may be corrected Whereupon it was Resolved that James R Codwise be appointed a Fireman to Fire Engine N° 16.

A petition of Samuel Bell for Office of Wood Inspector, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A petition that the pier now constructing [350] at the foot of Chamber Street may be extended to the line of the One constructing at the foot of Murray St. was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips.

A Petition from William Depew for relief from an Assessment for Tax, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition for a Well and Pump near the Corner of Spring and Elizabeth Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition that the pavement along the Bulkhead fronting Broad St. and along Lent's Basin be repaved was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Rob^{t} Latimore praying Compensation for working the 10th Avenue, was referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition from Jonas Humbert and Others Bakers, on the subject of the Law relating to Bread was read, they request that an

Assize may be permanently fixed and the allowance on a Barrel of Superfine f[l]our to be Twenty Eight Shillings.

[351] That a fair mode be pursued for obtaining the price of Baker's flour

That Bread be liable to seizure in Stores as well as in Bakeries

That no alteration be made in the price of Bread unless there is a difference of four Shillings in the price of a Barrel of flour.

That Wheat and Indian be the same price on account of the trouble, and twisted bread exempted for the same reason

That the price be One Shilling for a loaf weighing 56 Ounces when flour is $5 $^{56}/_{100}$ the Barrell.

A Communication was also received from Rob^{t} Anderson a Baker on the same subject He recommended the establishment of an Assize regulating the weight and price of Bread, agreeably to former Ordinances of the Corporation

The said petitions having been read were laid on the Table to be taken up when the proposed Law was under Consideration.

A Complaint from a number of Inhabitants of a Slaughter House in Mercer St. between Spring and Prince St. was presented and referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition of L Van Nostrand, Gideon Lee and E W. King Owners of Lots in Ferry [352] Street remonstrating against the Assessment for cleansing the private Sewer in Ferry Street. was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of John Morris, and one from W^{m} Messerve for Office of Weigher in Fulton Market was severally referred to the Market Committee.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Subpoena issuing out of the Court of Chancery at the suit of Stephen Whitney against the Mayor &c returnable on the 20th Inst. which had been served upon him, Whereupon it was Resolved that the Attorney of this Board be directed to appear and defend the suit

A Letter was also presented by the Mayor, from the Hon. Smith Thompson one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the U. States, stating that a very extraordinary attempt having been lately made to change the place of holding the Circuit Court of the United States from the City Hall to Tammany Hall he wished to enquire whether there every has been or now is any objections to the Court of the U. States, sitting in the City Hall—the same having been read. Alderman Ireland presented the [353] following Resolution

Resolved, that it be referred to a Special Committee of to enquire and report at the next meeting of this Board, whether the Common Council have at any time refused to accommodate the U. States with a room in this Hall, and whether as has been represented in several of the Daily prints, they have expelled the Clerk of said Court from this public building—Which Resolution was adopted and referred together with the Letter of Judge Thompson to the following Gentlemen who were appointed said Committee Alderman Ireland King Mann

A Petition from Wm McCready and Matthew Byrne Butchers in Catharine Market for permission to exchange Stalls No 32 and 36 with each other, was referred to the Market Committee

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of James Ten Eyck reported in his favour as follows

The Committee on Assessments, to whom the annexed petition of James Ten Eyck was referred, Report, That it appears to your Committee that the petitioner is an Artillerist and entitled [354] by Law to exemption from taxation on property to the amount of $500. That he was absent at the time the Books of the Assessors of the 8th Ward for the year 1823, were closed, and therefore lost the opportunity of Correcting the Assessment upon him, which was $500

The following resolution is therefore recommended by your Committee.

Resolved, that the Collector of taxes of the 8th Ward for the year 1823 be authorised to return the tax against James Ten Eyck, for that year, amounting to $3.50 in his list of Errors and Insolvencies

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Geo. Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Thos T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for regulating Mercer Street reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Subject of regulating & paving Mercer St. from Bleecker St to Amity Street Report, that in their Opinion it is necessary and proper that, the said Mercer Street should be regulated and paved, and accordingly [355] submit the following resolution

Resolved, that Mercer Street be regulated and paved from Bleecker Street to Amity Street

Jacob B Taylor
Reuben Munson
(Signed) Saml St John
Philip Hone
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of Theodorus *Buckley* [Bailey] and Elbert Anderson for permission to put up an Iron railing, reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Theodorus Bailey and Elbert Anderson, for permission to erect an Iron railing in front of their building at the Corner of Chatham & Chamber Streets report. that in their Opinion, the request of the petitioners should be granted as no public inconvenience will result thereby and therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
Reuben Munson
(Signed) Saml St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[356] The Committee on Wharves, piers & Slips on the petition of Jacob Acker presented the following report

The Committee on Wharves piers & Slips Report on the annexed petition of Jacob Acker, praying to be compensated as the inventor of a Scale for the measurement of firewood, that it appears by the minutes of the Common Council, that Mr Acker did as set forth in his petition—sometime in the year 1819 state to the Board, that he had invented a Scale for the more accurate measurement of firewood, that the subject was referred to a Committee of this Board who upon a careful examination of the Scale approved of it, and recommended in their Report which was adopted by the Common Council, that it be adopted, and that a Scale as the Standard be deposited in the Street Commissioner's Office to be known by the name of Acker's Scale, in addition to the foregoing they recommended that a Warrant be drawn in favour of Mr Acker for $20 to be presented to him as a Compensation for his invention the warrant however was never reported, the

Committee are of Opinion that inasmuch as the Scale has stood the test of experience and its utility is acknowledged that a warrant ough[t] to be reported for the amount [357] recommended by the former Committee, they therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Comptroller at the next meeting of the Board report a warrant in favour of Jacob Acker for $20.

Geo. Zabriskie
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Asa Mann
Saml Cowdrey
Shivers Parker

A Motion to refer the report back to the Committee, and a motion to strike out the sum mentioned in the report for the purpose of inserting a larger sum were moved by Alderman Taylor and were lost. The Report of the Committee was then agreed to and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Saml Y Clark Collector of 8th Ward for further compensation reported against the petition as follows.

The finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of Mr Clark the Collector of the 8th Ward. That the petitioner prays to be allowed the sum of twenty dollars, to remunerate him for that amount of Counterfeit money which he received as Collector. Your Committee however cannot but report it as their opinion, that no allowance should be made for Counterfeit money, [358] a public Officer or Collector, must assume the risk of Counterfeit money in his Collections

The petitioner likewise prays for additional compensation as collector for the year, 1824, beyond what is allowed for the last year—with respect to this request, your Committee think that the general tariff of allowances to Collectors may require alteration; but they are of Opinion, that such alteration, if requisite, can only be properly made in reference to the Collectors of all the Wards, and ought not to be made as to any One Ward.

Your Committee therefore report for the Consideration of the Board the following resolutions.

I Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

II Resolved that it be referred to the board of Supervisors to

report a tariff of the allowances which ought to be made, according to Law, to the collectors for the present years tax.

(Signed) Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Whereupon the report and Resolution were approved

The Finance Committee on the petition of Mary Richardson presented a report in her favour which was read and the consideration [359] thereof postponed

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 12

Thom^{s} H Noble Lock Smith 14 Collect St.
Vice Edw^{d} Kealy Resigned

Wm T Thompson Currier 62½ Frankfort St.
Vice John R Johnson Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 16

William Boyer Shoe Maker 231 Church St
Vice George Huyler Resigned

Christopher Fisher Sugar Refiner C Hester & Forsyth
Vice Findley Wright Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 25

Thomas S Underhill Accountant 300 Broome St.
Vice John Tyson Resigned.

Fire Engine Company N° 30

Thomas Deacon Clerk Cor of Bancker & Clinton
Vice Paul Shapter Time Expired

[360] William Farrington Rope Maker Willet St
Vice Isaac Downing Resigned.

The Attorney presented the following report

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports, That the Schooner Fair play. Captain Pratt, was proceeded against for not reporting passengers; which however, the Captain has since done, and likewise has paid the costs

The Brig Minerva Capt. Gallis, is a like case.

The Schooner Leaf Cap^{t} Powell, is a like case.

The Attorney recommends the remission of the penalties, as usual in such cases

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the penalties were remitted agreeably to his recommendation.

He also presented for execution a Deed to the Merchants Exchange Company with the following Report.

The Attorney of the Board herewith presents to be executed, a Deed for a gore or piece of Land (lying on the northerly side of the extension of Garden Street) to the Merchants [361] Exchange Company for the consideration of $5.700

The petition of that Company for the purchase of this piece of Land, having been referred to the finance Committee, with powers; The Deed has been prepared pursuant to the directions of the Committee

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the same was directed to be duly executed.

He also reported that Deeds of Common Lands to Sam[l] Van Norden & Jacob T Waldron had in April last been directed to be executed but that the parties had neglected to execute the Counterparts or to do anything in relation thereto

Whereupon the same was referred to the finance Committee with Authority to take such measures in the as they shall judge proper.

He also upon the reference to him of the Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the Collector's Bonds presented the following Report, together with the Bond given by Noah Jarvis and a Bond given by Morris De Camp with their Surities.

The Attorney of the board, respectfully reports, on a communication from the Street Commissioner, respecting the bonds of the Collectors of Assessments, [362] which was referred to him

That in pursuance of the by-law on that subject, the bonds herewith presented were made out by the Subscriber, the amount of which, and the Sureties, have been approved by the Mayor and Finance Committee

The Bonds having been duly executed, it remains for the board to

accept the same, and to order their deposit in the Street Commissioners Office

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the bonds were accepted and directed to be filed in the Office of the Street Commissioner

The Attorney presented the following Report of Leases of Lands sold for Taxes.

The Attorney of the Board, herewith presents for execution, Six leases of lands and premises which were heretofore sold by Auction for non-payment of taxes, which have been made out pursuant to the request of the Street Commissioner, the said lands and premises not having been redeemed according to law, that is to say.

A Lease to Charles Lawton for five years from the 12th Augt, 1824. for a [363] House and two lots at Manhattanville in the 9th Ward, near land of Thom^{s} Bulkley, Assessed as belonging to William Cullen —Sold for $16 $^{1}/_{100}$

A Lease to the same person for fourteen Years from same time of Nine lots at Harlaem, in 9th Ward, in Waldrons plot (so called) assessed as belonging to Vogel & Kemyon Sold for $13 $^{80}/_{100}$

A Lease to the same person for five years from same time of a Lot of Ten Acres at Bloomingdale in 9th Ward on Somarindyks farm, Assessed as belonging to J R Meyer sold for $20 $^{85}/_{100}$

A Lease to James Jenkins for twelve years from same time of a Lot on the West Side of Pitt Street, between Broome & Delancy Sts. in 10th Ward. Assessed as belonging to Henry Livingston Sold for $15 $^{02}/_{100}$

A Lease, to the same, for five years, from same time, of a House and lot in 9th Ward, on the North side of Charles Street, between Herring and Hudson Streets, Assessed as belonging to Thomas Blanch sold for $25 $^{50}/_{100}$

A Lease, to the same, for Eight years, from same time, of five Acres of land in 9th Ward at Bloomingdale known on Map of Common Lands as N^{o} 172, assessed as belonging to Thomas Winslow—Sold for $14 $^{77}/_{100}$

respectfully Submitted,

M. Ulshoeffer

[364] Whereupon the said Leases were directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed. Viz

For paving side walks in Harman St. between Market and Pike Streets and Abr[m] Dally, John Brown[er] and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

For paving Mercer Street from Bleecker St to Amity Street and Cary Dunn Jun[r] Francis Peckwell and Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors.

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed, Viz

For regulating and paving Canal St from Hudson to Greenwich St.

Also for Well and Pump in Rhynder Street near Broome St.

Also for regulating & paving Mott St. from Greenwich St to Canal St.

Also Abstracts from Commissioners reports of Assessment for Opening Mott St, Garden St, and Sloat Lane, Whereupon Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector in each.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in 11[th] Street with objections thereto [365] which were referred to the Committee of Assessments

Also an Abstract from the Commissioners Report of Assessment for Opening Thompson St. Fifth Avenue and Eighth Street Whereupon Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in each

The City. Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of Sundry Nuisances, which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances

No					
	1	W[m] Lawrence	Owner	Collect St	A Lot
	2	E A Bancker	do	Roosevelt St	"
	3	C D Colden	Executor	Park	"
	4	Geo. Lovet	Owner	Wooster St	"
	5	T Vanwinckle	do	Renwick St	"
	6	Thos L Ogden	do	Laurens St	"
	7	Bogart & Kneeland	do	Front St	"
	8	Mrs Fisher	do	Delancy St	"
	9	Mrs Marx	do	Amity St	"
	10	Robt Ferguson	do	Wooster St	"
	11	H A *Vender* [Vedder]	do	Cannon St	"

Geo Cuming
C[y] Insp[r]

The following Resolution was presented and Adopted—Resolved, that Bridges of flat [366] Stones be placed across such Streets in the first Ward as the Alderman and Assistant together with the Street Commissioner shall direct, and that the Street Commissioner report an Ordinance for that purpose

Whereupon the Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for laying Cross Walks or Stepping Stones in the first Ward in this City which was passed and John Targee, Benjamin Prince and James Bleecker were Appointed Assessors

Alderman Mann moved that the Report of the Watch Committee on the Appointment of a Captain of the City Watch, be called up, was agreed to—the same having been read it was moved that the Board now proceed to the appointment—the Question being taken thereon, it passed in the Negative.

Alderman Ireland. moved that the Board now take into consideration the Law respecting Bread, presented at the last Meeting which was agreed to—the Same was read, as also the communications on the Subject presented at this meeting [367] It was then moved that the subject be referred back to the same Committee—the Question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative. The Law was then read by paragraphs and passed under the Title of a Law to regulate the Manufacture and Sale of Bread.

The Comptroller made the following report. Viz.

Balance as pr Acct 30th Augt	9.01	
Recd for Rents	1741.29	
" " Streets	1321.35	
" " Justices Courts	734.63	
" " Police Office	334.88	
" " Wells and Pumps	100.	
" " Fines &c of Sheriff	31.	
	4272.16	
Loan of J Fleming from Acct paid by Banks &c of Tax of 1823 without Interest	10.000.	
		14.272.16

27 Accounts Audited.

Henry Leek	Watch 1st Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark	" 2d "	666.75
[368] Bleakley & Brower	" 3d "	645.75
Robt Buloid Liquor for Indian Chiefs 14 Augt		9.38
Leonard Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Mo 1 Inst		65.29
Peter Amerman Clerk 6 markets 1 Mo 1 Inst		49.50
Abrm Leggett Supers & Work Mud Machine to 12 Inst		121.31

Proprietor of American 6 mo Subscription 26th Augt.....	50.
Jacob Vincent Attorney for Giles Arty for Certificate of Sale of 2 Lots in 29th Street. redeemed.....	4.00
Francis Campbell Adminisr Estate of Wm Campbell, Amount paid by public Administrator.....	421.17
Wm Thorn for 15 Casks Oil bot of Job Coleman.....	308.75
J. Bailey repairing Intersections 6th & 10th Wards.....	8.83
G. Tucker repairing Culverts Canal St. Sewer.....	39.69
S Fargay repairing Intersections 10th Ward.....	318.95
Estate Thomas Lovett by Geo. Lovett bal. on Sewer Grand St. prin & Int.....	418.35
[369] G. Tucker balance on Sewer Thompson St. Prin & Int	416.40
J. Bailey Acct. reg & pav Norfolk St from Broome to Stanton	250.
T Cummings Acct reg & pavg Herring St fr Carmine to Chrisr	116.
H Smith, Acct. reg & pavg Sheriff St from Broome to Stanton	100.
Geo. B. Smith Surveys for Sundry Streets & Wells & pumps	22.61
Sarah Elsworth by Jno Hinton princl & Int Canal St sewer	13.28
J. Gallagher Bal. Well in Henry St Between Market & pike	86.94
J. P. Roome Supers repairs for repairs piers & Bulkheads.	2712.23
J P Roome Supers repairs for Lumber for fever Hospital..	842.68
J P Roome Supr repairs for repairs.....	600.
A Burtis Supern Alms House for fence at City Burial Ground	2.500.
A Burtis Suprn Alms House for Alms House.....	2.500.

The Board Adjourned.

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 27, 1824 TO JANUARY 3, 1825

[1] In Common Council. September 27th 1824

Present. The Hon. Wm Paulding Junr Mayor. President

	Aldermen.	Assistants.
1	Ward Henry J Wyckoff	Thoms Bolton
2	" Elisha W King	Saml St John
3	" Willm H Ireland	Philip Hone
4	" Thaddeus Seymour	Saml Cowdrey
5	"	Willm Burtsell
6	" Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
7	" Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
8	" Jacob B Taylor	Thoms T Woodruff
9	"	Alpheus Sherman
10	" Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Memorial of Du Puis de la Rue proposing to erect at the Battery a National Monument in honor of American worthies, accompanied with a Plan for said monument was presented and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

[2] A Petition of Joseph Spencer for Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Memorial from Manufacturers and Venders of Scales, Weights and Measures praying the appointment of an Additional Sealer of Weights & Measures was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Morris De Camp stating that he had completed after much trouble and difficulty the assessments formerly in the hands of John G Betts and praying Compensation therefor was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Gouverneur Market praying to have a new Market built or to have the Old one removed and repaired was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Peter Parks for permission to erect Iron railings in front of his buildings in Oliver St. was referred to the Street Committee.

[3] A petition that the part of Duane Street between Broadway & Hudson Street be repaved was referred to the Street Committee

A petition that a cross walk be laid from the south corner of

Chamber St across Chatham St. was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of 4th & 6th Wards.

A petition of sundry Inhabitants that James Slip be filled up and paved—and

A remonstrance against the same were referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips.

A petition of Bartholomew de Boyce for permission to let his Stoop in Hudson Street remain as it is, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Joseph Beams for Office of Capt of City Watch was read.

A petition of Joseph Green respecting a Building of his on a Lot S. W. Corner of Spring & West Streets was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of John McChain for permission to remove several smoke houses from Spring St. near Crosby St to Crosby near prince St, was referred to the Alderman & Asst 8th Ward.

[4] A Communication from the Superintendant of the Penitentiary respecting improvements in the Prison was read and referred to the following Special Committee.

Aldermen Wyckoff, Taylor, Mann Messrs Sherman & Cowdrey.

A Petition of Nicholas Fish for a water Grant between 8th & 9th Streets on the East River—was referred to the Finance Committee.

His Honor the Mayor called the attention of the Board to the necessity of appointing the Inspectors of the ensuing election at least by the next regular meeting of the Board

A Communication was received from Joseph G Swift, Robert Adrian, & James Renwick Commissioners under the Act of 10th April 1823 stating that the intention of presenting the partial Report of the 30th August, in which they propose a general plan which shall require a minimum of cutting down eminances and filling up Hollows, was made for the purpose of giving information to the Corporation of the plan; that if objections were made to it, the Commissioners might alter it so as to meet the public Approbation the same being read it was laid on the [5] table to be taken into consideration on the coming in of the Report of the Street Committee on that subject.

The Street Committee, to whom had been referred the Report of the said Commissioners presented on the 30th August, presented a report which having been read it was moved by Alderman King that the further consideration be postponed—After some discussion it was carried in the affirmative,

Alderman King then moved that the Report of the Commissioners of 30th August and their communication this meeting together with the report of the Committee be printed for the use of the Members, on the subject of printing the question being taken it was carried in the affirmative Alderman Ireland calling a Division the Members Voted as follows.

Affirmative Mr Recorder Alderm Wyckoff. King. Seymour Parker. Munson Messrs Bolton, St John, Conover Cox. Sherman & Ostrander, 13,

Negative. Alderm Ireland, Mann & Taylor Messrs Cowdrey, Burtsell & Woodruff, 6

The Market Committee on the petition of George Levinis to transfer Stall N° 15 Washington Market to Hugh Goble reported in favour of the same as follows.

[6] The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of George Leveniss Butcher for permission to transfer Stand N° 15 Washington Market to Hugh Goble.

Report that Hugh Goble is well recommended as a suitable and proper person to hold a butchers Stand, and has served a regular apprenticeship to the trade—Your Committee would therefore recommend that permission be given, to transfer said Stand, and for that purpose beg leave to offer the following resolutions

Resolved, That George Leveniss on surrendering up his butchers license, be permitted to transfer Stand N° 15 Washington Market to Hugh Goble.

Resolved, That Hugh Goble receive a License as a butcher for Stand N° 15 Washington Market on the aforegoing resolution being carried into affect.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Wm H Ireland
Thoms T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition to pave Washington Street from Beaver Lane to [7] Marketfield St. reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for pitching and paving Washington Street, from Beaver Lane to Marketfield Street, beg leave to report, that the part of Washington Street, in question is a very great thoroughfare, continually occupied

by loaded carts, and is in the vicinity of one of the Steam boat ferries, viz that to Elizabeth town, and New Brunswick, and in the Opinion of your Committee, it is highly expedient to pitch and pave the same, they therefore submit the following resolution.

Resolved that Washington Street be pitched and paved from Beaver Lane to Marketfield Street, and the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an Ordinance in Conformity herewith

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Signed Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition to pave the side walks in Rhinder St. between Hester & Grand St. reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee, to whom was referred the annexed petition, for regulating and paving [8] the side walks of Rhynder Street, between Hester Street and Grand Street, having examined the situation thereof, find it necessary they should be paved, and ask leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the sidewalks of Rhynder Street between Hester and Grand Street be regulated and paved with Brick or flaggs and the Street Commissioner, be instructed to prepare an Ordinance in conformity. thereto.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition to pave West Street from Barclay to Murray St. reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for regulating and paving West Street, from Barclay to Murray Street, ask leave to report, that they are fully convinced, of the expediency of pitching and paving, the part of West Street spoken of in the petition, as it is in the neighbourhood of several public Slips, on the margin of the Hudson river, and is the scene of a very extensive and increasing business, and its present state productive [9] of much inconvenience to those whose concerns lead them to pass through it, being after heavy rains nearly impassable

They ask leave to introduce the following resolution.

Resolved, that West Street be pitched and paved from Barclay Street to Murray Street, and the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an Ordinance in Conformity thereto.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Communication of the Attorney informing that the Supreme Court had confirmed the proceedings of the Commissioners of Assessments in relation to Mott Street, Thompson Street, 5th Avenue, 8th Street and Garden Street and Sloat Lane reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred a Communication from the Attorney of the Common Council, giving information, that the Supreme Court had confirmed the proceedings of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in relation to the opening of Mott Street, from Roosevelt's line to Bleecker Street—to the Opening of [10] Thompson Street, from Amity Lane to the 5th Avenue—to opening the 5th Avenue from its commencement to 13th Street—to opening 8th Street from the Bowery to the 6th Avenue—and to opening Garden Street and Slote Lane from William Street to Pearl Street.

Respectfully Report, that in their Opinion it will be expedient to carry the above mentioned improvements into effect, at the times hereinafter specified, viz.

Mott Street to be opened from Roosevelt's line to Bleecker Street, on the 15th October next,

Thompson Street from Amity Lane to Art Street to be opened on the 1st November next

Fifth Avenue from its commencement at Art Street to 13th Street, on the 1st November next,

Eighth Street from the Bowery to the 6th Avenue to be opened on the 1st May 1825.

Garden Street, and Slote Lane from William Street to Pearl Street to be opened on the 1st October next, and the owners of the buildings to be removed, to be allowed thirty days from the said first of October next to take down and entirely remove the same from the Street, they therefore propose the following resolution

Resolved, the Street Commissioner be directed to take all necessary measures in relation to the Opening of the above mentioned [11] Streets and Avenues in conformity with this report.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St. John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted,

The Street Committee on the petition for Opening First Street, from the first Avenue to North Street reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Reuben Withers, Cornelius Dubois, Augustus Wynkoop, and sundry other persons, inhabitants and proprietors of lots of land situate on First Street and its vicinity, praying the Corporation of the City of New York to cause the necessary measures to be taken to open First Street, from the first Avenue to North Street, Respectfully ask leave to Report, that the objections which have heretofore presented themselves against the Opening of the Street in question viz the Ropewalks, which crossed first Street between the First Avenue and Avenue A, having been removed by the destruction of the aforesaid Ropewalks, at the late Fire, no good reason at present exists why the opening of the Street should [12] be any longer delayed, as by such opening a more ready communication, with the East River will be made for those persons, who reside on First Street and its vicinity between the Bowery and the First Avenue, and for that purpose, they beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved the Counsel to this Board be instructed to take the necessary measures for an application to the Supreme Court of the State of New York for the appointment of Commissioners of estimate and Assessment, to open First Street from the First Avenue to North Street.

Jacob B. Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition for paving Willett Street, from Grand to Stanton Street, reported in favour of the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for pitching and paving Willett Street from Grand to Stanton Street. ask leave to report, that much inconvenience is experienced by the persons who reside in the dwellings fronting on that Street, [13] in consequence of their being at present, no means of taking off the water from the surface of the Street. and as that part of the City is in a very rapid state of improvement and, new buildings continually erected, it appears but reasonable in the estimation of your Committee, that the persons residing in the neighbourhood, should be afforded every facility for keeping the Street in a dry and cleanly condition which can only be done by having the Street permanently regulated and paved, and therefore submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that Willet Street from Grand to Stanton Street be pitched and paved and the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an Ordinance agreeably to this Resolution.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of Charles Shepard & C° to erect a shed on Broadway on their premises reported against the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Charles Shepard & C° desiring permission to erect a shed in Broadway in front of the premises at present Occupied by them beg [14] leave to report, that in their Opinion, all such projections into the Streets of this City can only be viewed in the light of encumbrances and obstructions, and therefore should not be sanctioned by any act of the Corporation. they desire therefore to Offer the following resolution

Resolved, it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Whereupon the same was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of Edwin T Byrne for permission to Sell at Auction in the Street at Catharine Market reported against the same as follows, viz.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Edward Byrnes, setting forth that he had commenced the business of an Auctioneer at N° 4 Catharine Slip, and requesting permission to sell at public Auction, in the Street in front of the Store he occupies—ask leave to Report that the Store occupied by the petitioner is situated on the south westerly side of Catharine Slip, being that which leads directly to the ferry at the head [15] of the Slip—If the privelege asked for by the petitioner, was granted, assemblages of persons in the Street would be the consequence, and very serious obstructions, arise to those persons, whose business daily nay hourly requires their passage across the river at this ferry, and much public inconvenience ensue—for the reasons above mentioned your Committee are compelled to submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner is inexpedient and ought not to be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Whereupon the same was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition for paving the Square at Division Street, reported against the same, as follows,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition, to have the gutters at the Intersection of Division and Pump Streets altered, and a Cross walk laid, report, that they have viewed the premises, and are of the Opinion that it is inexpedient to make the alteration suggested by the petitioners, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following [16] resolution

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted,

The Street Committee on the petition to have the side walks in Collect Street raised, reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition to have the side walks of Collect Street raised—report, that in their Opinion it is inexpedient to grant their request, and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition for opening Second Street reported against the same as follows.

[17] The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons to have Second Street Opened from the Bowery to the East river, report that it is inexpedient to open that Street at the present, inasmuch as, that if opened it cannot be regulated so as to be used as a thoroughfare until the permanent regulation of that section of the City (now in the hands of the Commissioners for that purpose) is completed and confirmed—they therefore submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St. John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Assessment for a Well and Pump in 11[th] Street near the Bowery reported in favour of confirming the Assessment as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom the annexed petitions, praying for relief against the within Assessment for a Well and pump in 11[th] Street near the Bowery, was referred—Report, That on an Interview between the petitioners, and the Assessors, the former became satisfied, that the assessment was correct, and that their objections were founded in a [18] misapprehension of the manner in which the same had been imposed

The Committee therefore recommend that the Assessment be confirmed

respectfully Submitted
Sam[l] Cowdrey
(Signed) Stephen Conover
Henry J Wyckoff
Tho[s] T. Woodruff

Whereupon the Assessment was confirmed and Morris D^e Camp appointed Collector.

The Committee on Assessments on the Remonstrance against the Assessment for Drain in Ferry and Jacob Streets reported against the petition as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom the annexed petition, against the Assessment for cleansing and repairing the Drain in Ferry and Jacob Streets was referred, report, That the Drain in question is Considered by the Petitioners as productive of more injury and inconvenience, than would exist without it, provided there were no Cellars in the Neighbourhood, If this be so, and the Convenience of Cellars, and other excavations is not essential, the parties Concerned have only to make their wishes known to this Board, and unquestionably they will be relieved from the expence & vexation [19] of the Drain which is now constantly liable to be out of repair and to require frequent examination and cleansing—But at present the Drain is necessary, and therefore must be a Common burthen, on those who are, or must be considered, as benefitted by it.

The Petitioners allege also, that they are not aware of any Notice having been given in the News papers of this Assessment. But on Inquiry it appears that the usual Notice was published, before the assessment was Confirmed. The manner however in which the advertisement was published in this Instance, and in which Notices of Assessments frequently are published, is such, as to afford cause of very serious Complaint to those who are concerned. The manner is, for several assessments to be thrown together under one head, and forming one advertisement, which not only may mislead an Ordinary reader, or fail of giving him the intended information, but in this very Case did mislead one of the petitioners

On this branch of the subject, Your Committee have had an interview with the Street Commissioner and he states that the business in his Office is so multifarious and pressing as to require this Compendious mode. But he has promised to rectify it, as far as shall be possible—and he added, that he should derive very important aid from the Printers employed by the Corporation, if they would consent to Copy from each other, But that [20] now he is under the necessity of sending to each an Office Copy of every advertisement, with the exception indeed, of one of the Printers, who is willing to Copy from the others.

The Assessment having been made for an object within the Powers of this Board, having also been advertised as before mentioned, and

having been regularly Confirmed, It follows that the Common Council have no power of redressing the petitioners, and that if they are entitled to relief, it must be had from another source, The Committee therefore recommend, That the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition

respectfully Submitted
Sam[l] Cowdrey
(Signed) Stephen Conover
Henry J Wyckoff
Tho[s] T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Petitioners had leave to withdraw their Petition.

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of W[m] DePew for remission of Tax reported against petitioner as follows.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom the annexed petition of William Depew, praying for relief against the Tax of $4.80 on a Shop and Lot in Dominick Street, assessed against him, was referred —report, That it [21] appears on Inquiry, that the premises, in question, belong to the Corporation of Trinity Church, and that the Petitioner is only the Lessee of the same, and that he has covenanted with the Lessors to pay the taxes of the said premises, and it does not appear to the Committee, but that the premises are together with the personal Estate of the petitioner, worth the sum at which they have been rated, so as to leave the real Estate subject to the above tax of $4.80 after deducting $500 the sum for which the petitioner is exempt from taxation, as one of the New York State Artillery.

The Committee are therefore of Opinion, that on the first ground the petitioner is not entitled to relief, as the property is not his own, within the provision of the Law in favour of Artillerists—and on the second, that the Assessors may have rated the said premises, and the personal Estate of the petitioner together, so low, as in effect to allow him the exemption which he claims

The Committee therefore recommend that the Prayer of the Petition be rejected.

respectfully Submitted
Sam[l] Cowdrey
Stephen Conover
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas T Woodruff

Whereupon Petitioner had leave to withdraw his petition.

[22] The Committee on Public Offices on the Resolution respecting the Clock at Greenwich reported as follows.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred a Resolution proposing to instruct the person employed by the Common Council to regulate the public Clocks to include the Clock of the Reformed Dutch Church at Greenwich—Report that by the first section of the Ordinance in relation to Salaries &c page 120. It is ordained as follows. "To the person or persons employed for regulating Clocks, two hundred Dollars" By this language your Committee are of opinion that all Church Clocks in the City are within the meaning of the section, and that it is consequently the bounden duty of the person holding the appointment to regulate the Clock of the Church at Greenwich.

Your Committee therefore Offer for consideration the following resolution viz

Resolved, that the person employed by the Common Council to regulate Clocks, be instructed to regulate the Clock of the reformed Dutch Church at Greenwich, as being within the scope of his duties under the said Appointment

E. W. King
Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Sam[l] Cowdrey
Sam[l] St. John
Jameson Cox

[23] Which was approved and resolution adopted.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies.

Hook & Ladder Company N° 4

John Davison—Cooper—178 Division St.
Vice Josiah Woodruff—resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 1

Joseph Christopher—Smith—30 Thomas St.
Vice John Kidd—resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 2

Charles Taylor—Chair Maker—30 Chrystie St.
Vice Alfred W Shadbolt—Resigned,

John Carr—House Carpenter—74 Harman St.
Vice Silvanus Lewis—Resigned,

Fire Engine Company N° 8

George W Stimus—Carpenter—125 Chrystie St.
Vice William Briscoe—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 11

John McNiesh—Watch Maker—Water St.
Vice John Thompson—Resigned

Robert A. Bailee—Printer—Water St.
Vice Hugh McGinnis—Time Expired

[24] Fire Engine Company N° 16

George Lanckenau—Cartman—177 Mott St.
Vice Henry Smith—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 20

Finley Wright—Carpenter—20 Cedar St.
Vice Thomas Tompson—Resigned

Peter Graham—Cabinet maker < Harman & Greenwich
Vice William Cooper—Time Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 24

Charles Feney—Cabinet maker—Pearl St.
Vice Paoli Young—Time Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 34

Samuel Bloomer—Mason—Fort Gansevoort
Vice Abraham Phillips—Resigned

Harman Lydacker—Milk man—Bedford St.
Vice Jacob Shute—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 36

Morris Hatfield—Cabinet maker 49 Sullivan
Vice Alexander Allaire—Resigned

[25] Fire Engine Company N° 37

Edward Scott—Shoemaker—37 Howard St.
Vice Henry H Gillett—Resigned

William K Shaw—Perfumer—35 Essex St.
Vice Isaac H Smith—Resigned

The Street Commissioner presented the following return of Delinquents on sundry assessments

The Street Commissioner herewith Covers the return of delin-

quents on sundry assessments in Order that Warrants may issue to Morris De Camp the Collector, viz

For repaving Beekman Street from Cliff Street to Pearl Street

For pitching and paving Norfolk Street from Broome to Stanton Street

For repaving Pearl Street between Fulton St. and Peck Slip

For repaving Water Street, between Fulton St. and Peck Slip.

Also for pitching and paving Columbia St. from Rivington to Stanton Street

respectfully Submitted

R Graves
St. Commissioner

Whereupon Warrants were Order'd to Issue to Morris De Camp to collect the same

[26] The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed.

For regulating & paving the side walks of Rhynder Street from Hester to Grand Street and Francis Peckwell, Cary Dunn Junr and Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors.

For pitching and paving Willett Street from Grand to Stanton Street and Abraham Dally, John Brower and John Targee were appointed Assessors.

For pitching and paving West Street from Barclay to Murray Street and John Salisbury Cary Dunn Junr and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

For pitching and paving Washington Street from Beaver Lane to Marketfield Street and James Bleecker, John Brower and Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an assessment for a Well and Pump in Henry near Grand Street, which was confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

The City Inspector on a reference to him of a complaint against Slaughter Houses in Mercer Street presented a Report which was referred to the Attorney.

[27] The City Inspector presented the following Report respecting Sunken Lots between Downing and Hammersley Streets

The City Inspector respectfully reports that an unclaimed portion of ground lying between Downing and Hammersley Streets, near Varick Street, is covered with Water, Trinity Church, and Mr Astor, owning the property on each side, have been ineffectually Ordi-

nanced to fill it in with Earth. It is respectfully recommended that the nuisance be corrected at the public Expence, for the purpose of which he hereby presents an Ordinance, as there can be little doubt that either of the adjoining parties will, willingly, repay the charges incurred

Respectfully Submitted
George Cuming Cy Inspr

Which was approved and the Ordinance presented was passed

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, viz

No						
	1	Jno J. Astor	Owner		Downing & Hammersley	A Lot
	2	Trinity Church	"		Hamersley St.	"
	3	Abijah Pell	"		Arden St	"
	4	Ditto	"		Commerce St	"
	5	George Vaughn	"		Greenwich St.	"
	6	Ts Storm	"		South St	"
	7	H Vicker	"		Allen St	"
	8	[28] W & G Post	"		Elizabeth St	"
	9	H. Astor	"		Ditto	"
	10	Dl Wynship	"		Chrystie St	"
	11	James Roosevelt	"		James St	"
	12	Isaac Rhodes	"		Rivington St	"
	13	Richd Jennings	"	218	Chrystie St	"
	14	Jno Groff	"	220	"	"
	15	Barthw Granger	"	160	Elizabeth St	"
	16	Mrs Jenkins	"	121	Mott St	"
	17	Geo. Gardner	"	16	Orange St	"
	18	W & G Post	"		Mott St	"
	19	L Harpel	"		do	"
	20	Geo. G Messerve	"		Allen & Rivington	"
	21	Jno J Astor	"		Lombardy St	"
	22	G. Chichester	"		Greenwich St	"
	23	Jno R Livingston	"		Mott St	"
	24	Wm Kean	"		Watts St	"
	25	Wm Jones	"		"	"
	26	Asa Holden	"		"	"
	27	Jno Fleming	"		"	"
	28	Widow *Mallibury* [Mallaby]	"		"	"
	29	Jas A Hamilton	"		"	"
	30	J. W. Heyler	"		"	"
	31	Abm Verb[r]yck	"		"	"
	32	R. J Westervelt	"		"	"
	33	B. A Romaine	"		"	"
	34	N Sunburgue	"		"	"

35	Miss M Gouverneur	Owner	Allen & Broome	A Lot
36	Jacob Barker	"	Rivington St	"
37	[29] Wm Bayard	"	Orange St	"
38	Jno Wymbs	"	Catharine Lane	"
39	Jno Beekman	"	Bancker St	"
40	H. Rutgers	"	Oliver St.	"

George Cuming City Inspector

On motion of the Recorder—Resolved that a Warrant be issued for the sum of One thousand dollars in favour of the Committee Appointed by this Board to provide for the reception and entertainment of the Marquis De La Fayette by the City of New York

On motion of Alderman Parker, Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs under the direction of the Market Committee erect a Shed over the Aisle or passage way of the Fulton Market between the Main and Country Markets for the accommodation of the Fishermen.

Alderman Mann presented the following

Resolved, that the Carriageways of the public Streets in this City after they shall have been repaved or Newpaved at the expence of the Individual Owners of the Lots on Streets so to be repaved or paved shall be kept in repair at the Expence of this Corporation—Whereupon the Same was referred to the Street Committee.

[30] The following was presented by Alderman Wyckoff & adopted Whereas great inconvenience is experienced by persons walking in the business parts of this City in passing each other on the Side walks—Therefore Resolved, that it be earnestly recommended to all persons passing the Streets upon the Side Walks in this City to take the right hand Side.

Alderman Seymour presented the following which was adopted, Resolved, that the Clerk of this Common Council cause to be printed blank permits for persons to visit the Stepping Mill for the Convenience of those who have power to grant them,

On motion of Alderman Mann the Board proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill the Station of Captain of the City Watch first District in place of Captain Walton resigned—when on Counting the Ballots Azel Conklin had ten votes which being a majority of the Votes he was declared duly elected.

The Report on the Orphan Asylum & on the petition of Genl Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen were made the Order of the day for the next meeting of the Board.

[31] The Comptroller made the following Report.

Balance as per Acct. 13th Inst	$170.55	
Recd for Streets	4.308.65	
" Rents	2.361.22	
" Tavern Licenses	320.	
" Commutation Alien passengers	180.	
" Mayoralty fees	70.50	
	$7.410.92	
Loan of J Fleming from Amt paid by Banks &c of Tax of 1823, without Interest	5.000.	
Loan of Mechanics Bank, authorised 2d February last	5.300.	17.710.92

55 Accounts Audited.

Henry Leek, Watch 1 District	813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2d do	666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3d do	645.75
Wm S Smith Collector City Revenue 1 Qr Salary 22d Inst & Expenses	260.
Obadiah Ayres Asst City Inspector 1 Mo 1 Octor	45.50
John Coffin " " do 1 " 1 "	45.50
Astin & Higbie Messengers	52.
O Jaques, St. Inspr 1 Ward 1 Month 1 Octor	30.
P Wright do 2d " do do	30.
T Jeroleman do 3d " do do	30.
N, B, Lyon do 4th " do do	30.
A. Ackerman do 5th " do do	30.
W. Kerr do 6th " do do	30.
B Fuller do 7th " do do	30.
[32] S. Hutchings do 8th " do do	30.
D. Hubbard do 10 " " "	30.
Jacob Acker Inventor of a Scale for measurement of Fire-wood	20.
Edward Hitchcock 50 Loads Manure for Park 21 April	20.
John Merserole work at the Park	14.50
B Hicks Asst Board of Health 1 Mo 1 Octor	45.50
J. Pinckney do do " "	45.50
G. Snethen Lighting Lamps " "	612.24
G Snethen Supern Lamps 1 Qr Salary "	137.50
R. Munson for 30 Casks Oil bot of Job Coleman	558.03
R. Provoost repairing Lamps 1 Mo 1 Oct	67.70
John Dunn & Sons repairing Lamps 10 July 22 Septr	51.21
Abrm Leggett Superg & Work Mud Machine to 26 Inst	144.84
Mercantile Advertiser 6 Mo Subscripn 1 Augt &c	52.
M Ulshoeffer Counselfees & Court Charges openg Mott St.	136.89
Thos R Smith & Associates Commisrs fees & Expenses Opening Mott Street	122.50

M. Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court Charges Openg 8th Street	209.73	
J Targee & Associates Commisrs fees & Expenses " do	324.54	
M. Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court Charges Openg Thompson St	129.39	
Abrm Bloodgood & Associates Commisrs fees & Expenses do	192.61	
M. Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court Charges Openg 5 Avenue	317.	
J. Salisbury & Associates Commrs fees & Expences do	372.50	
M Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court Charges Openg Garden St	246.45	
L. Catlin & Associates Commisrs fees & Expenses do	518.	
H Smith, Acct. reg. & pav Sheriff St. from Broome to Stanton St	900.	
[33] J Bailey, Acct. reg & pav Norfolk St. from Broome to Stanton	740.	
G Tucker, balance on Sewer Maiden Lane	312.69	
N Jarvis Corporn Assesst paving Watts & Canal Sts	25.80	
J Mehan repairing Intersections 5 Ward	124.40	
C Mooney do do do	24.95	
H. Smith do do 2d & 3d do	8.98	
R. Pettigrew 1st pay Well Harman near pike St	85.25	
W. Westerfield & G. Tucker 3d paymt Mason Work Fever Hospital	2500.	
J. Lucas 4th paymt Carpenters Work fever Hospital	1000.	
R. Ayres removing Earth on the Battery	68.25	
R Graves. St Commisr for Repairs Roads	800.	
J. P Roome Supt Repairs for Fire Department	738.	
J. P Roome ditto " Repairs	400.	
J P Roome ditto " Pump Department	226.	
J P Roome ditto " Markets	100.	
A Burtis Supert Alms House	2500.	
		9.654.32
Balance Dollars		18.72

The Board adjourned.

[34] In Common Council October 11th 1824.

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen		Assistants	
1 Ward.	Henry J Wyckoff	1 Ward	
2 "		2 "	Saml St John
3 "	Wm H Ireland	3 "	Philip Hone
4 "	Thaddeus Seymour	4 "	Saml Cowdrey
5 "	George Zabriskie	5 "	William Burtsell
6 "	Shivers Parker	6 "	Stephen Conover
7 "	Asa Mann	7 "	Jameson Cox
8 "	Jacob B Taylor	8 "	Thomas T Woodruff
9 "	Geo. S Doughty	9 "	Alpheus Sherman
10 "	Reuben Munson	10 "	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A petition for a Well and Pump in Canal St. near Varick Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner.

[35] A Petition of William Love to Lease from Corporation Lots No 25 & 26 Common Lands was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of William Shaw and James Sadgebury for further time to pay Assessment on Thompson St. was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Letter from David S Bogert was received stating he had received from the Street Commissioner a letter dated 29th Ultimo informing that Buildings now on the Lot No 30 William St were to be removed, and by the first of November next adding that he abandoned to the Corporation the said Buildings and would call for the amount of damages assessed to him by the Commissioners for Opening Garden Street and Sloat Lane

Also A petition from William A Davis Lessee of Lot No 30 William Street complaining of being ordered to remove House on Said Lot for Opening of Garden St. and requesting postponement of same, was referred to the Counsel to report.

A Memorial of Jacobus Dyckman & others of the 9th Ward praying that the Bridge, called the Free Bridge across Harlem River from New York Island to Westchester may be repaired without delay as the same is now in a dangerous situation to passengers were read and referred to the Road Committee.

[36] A Petition of James Rikeman to be appointed to the Office of Guager of the City was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Thomas Mead for Office of Street Inspector was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Reuben Bunker for Office of City Weigher, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition that the Engine House situated at Market Slip be removed, was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Bancker Street near Birmingham Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 7th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Gulian Ludlow Attorney of James Rogers, stating that Edward Rogers deceased a Seaman of the United States Sloop of war Peacock was entitled to Prize money and wages which have been received by the Public Administrator and paid over by him to the City Treasury—that Petitioner is Attorney of James Rogers the [37] father of said Edward Rogers, his only next of kind and praying the same may be paid over to him—which being read was referred to Finance Committee.

A Petition of Ezekiel Miles for Office of City Weigher, was referred to the Committee on Application for Office.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants that Fitz-roy road may be repaved, was referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition that West Street from Duane Slip to Murray St. be regulated and paved, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Nicholas W. Stuyvesant, for a Water Grant in front of his premises from 9th to 10th Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Joseph Ives and Joseph Birge on subject of their plan of improved privies and praying an Ordinance may be passed prohibiting the use of any other than the plan proposed by them was referred to the City Inspector.

A Memorial of Francis Campbell respecting Money belonging to his Brother's Estate was referred to the Finance Committee.

[38] A Request of the Treasurer of the Free School Society for payment of the Sum of $1500 granted to them by the Legislature was referred to the Finance Committee

A Complaint of Sundry Inhabitants against the practice of Carman feeding their Horses in front of Individual Houses, was referred to the Mayor.

An Invitation from the Trustees of the Free School Society to attend the Annual examination of the several Schools belonging to the Free School Society—was read and accepted.

The Finance Committee on Petition of John G Tibbits for return of parts of Assessments for Well and pump corner of North and Anthony Sts. reported as follows

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of John G Tibbets, that the petitioner having redeemed certain property heretofore sold for an assessment (situate on Attorney Street between Stanton and North Streets) now prays to have the sum of forty two dollars returned to him of the monies so paid by him, being for expences of the proceedings not actually incurred by the Board— Your Committee have always recommended the return [39] of that part of the expences in such cases, which were not actually incurred; and the Board has uniformly remitted the amount—under such circumstances, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Comptroller report a warrant for forty two Dollars in favour of John G Tibbets for the above purpose

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
William H Ireland

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of Nicholas Fish for a Water Grant reported in his favor as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Nicholas Fish Esq^{r} for a Water grant on the East river between 8th & 9th Streets.

Your Committee can see no reason against granting the prayer of the petitioner, on the usual terms and conditions, They therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Resolved, that upon Col. Fish's procuring the usual Maps, the Counsel be directed to prepare the necessary grant, at rates, (in proportion to the extent of the premises) similar to those prescribed in the Case of M^{r} Hall recently directed by the Board, and upon the Usual terms, covenants and Conditions [40] *and Conditions*

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of John W Wyman respecting his account reported against his petition as follows.

The finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed communication of John W Wyman, Esq[r] respecting an account of his; heretofore reported upon by this Committee—Your Committee are of Opinion that this Board ought not to recede from their former resolutions on this subject, and they therefore submit the following resolution for the Consideration of the Board.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to take any further order respecting the subject mentioned in this report

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
(Signed) W[m] Burtsell
Henry J Wyckoff
W[m] H Ireland.

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

[41] The Alderman & Assistants of the 8[th] & 9[th] Ward on the Memorial complaining of the Distillery of Mess[rs] Taylor & Richards presented the following report, rescinding the permission heretofore given to convey water from the Distillery into the Minetto Sewer as follows,

The Alderman & Assistants of the 8[th] & 9[th] Wards to whom was referred the memorial of persons residing at and near the Minnetto Sewer, remonstrating against the casting the Wash & filth from the distillery of Mess[rs] Taylor & Richards into that sewer respectfully report, that Shortly after the subject was referred to them, they examined into and fully investigated it, and were satisfied the complaint was well founded,

But as the Owners of that Establishment were disposed to remedy the evil, and of which they seemed to have no doubt they should be able to accomplish—your Committee were disposed to give them an opportunity to make the trial—after a Considerable lapse of time, and a variety of measures adopted by them—the Evil is found Still to exist—and as in the Opinion of your Committee nothing short of an entire prohibition from casting the wash from the distillery into the Sewer can remedy the evil complained of they are induced to recommend the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved, that the permission heretofore given to Mess[rs] Taylor & Richards to cast or convey the [42] Wash from their distillery at Greenwich Village into the Minetto Sewer, be rescinded from and After the 1[st] Decem[r] Next.

Resolved that the Clerk to this Board furnish Messrs Taylor & Richards with a Copy of the foregoing resolution.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Thomas T Woodruff
Alpheus Sherman

Whereupon the Report was approved & the resolutions adopted.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner upon the Petition for a Well & Pump near the Intersection of Elizabeth & Spring Streets, reported in favour of the Same as follows,

The Alderman & Assistant of the Eight Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Sundry Owners of property on Elizabeth & Spring Sts. praying that a Well may be dug and a pump placed therein near the Intersection of those Streets—report—that in their opinion the requests of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that the request of the petitioners be granted.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Thomas T Woodruff.
R Graves, St Commr

[43] The Canal Committee on the petition of William Leek for permission to Construct a Drain from his Tannery near Spring Street reported against the petitioner as follows,

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the petition of Wm Leek for permission, to erect a Brick drain from his Tannery in Worster St near Spring Street, to intersect with the Suer in Grand St. report that they have had the Subject before them, and on examination find that the water to be run off by this drain principally is the water his Hides are soaked in for the purpose of taking off the Hair and consequently must be very filthy and that in addition to the present filth now running in from private drains would tend to fill up the Suer, and add to the unpleasant effluvia arising out of the Openings in the Suer.

Your Committee beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Thomas T Woodruff
Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
T Seymour

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted,

The Committee on Lands and Places to whom was referred the resolution requesting them to Select a suitable place for a Pottersfield presented a [44] Report recommending the piece of ground at the Intersection of the Bloomingdale and Old Kingsbridge Road—which being read was laid for consideration

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Hook & Ladder Company N° 2.

Edgar Ryker—Coach Maker—46 Lespinard St.
Vice Charles Wall—Resigned.

Jacob B Doty—Grocer—12 Vandewater St
Vice Peter Cochrane—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 4.

Francis A Johnson—Accomptant—33 Ann St—
Vice Frederick M^cReady—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 6.

Caleb C Tompkins—Carpenter—62 Thomson St.
Vice William J Child—Resigned

William Breslen—Carpenter—Sullivan nr Grand
Vice Edward Marriner—Resigned

[45] Fire Engine Company N° 25

Munson S Peet—Merchant—243 Greenwich St.—
Vice Francis A Johnson—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 28

James Foster—Stone Cutter—Washington St.
Vice William N Parcells—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 30

Andrew H. Eddey—Shoe Maker—83 Allen St.
Vice James Eddey—Resigned

John Owens—Grate Maker—524 Pearl St.
Vice Will^m C Fisher—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 34

Peter P Wendover—Druggist—Greenwich St.
Vice William Wilson—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 36

George Buckingham—Carpenter—232 Hudson St.
Vice Rich^d Moore—Resigned

[46] The Attorney presented the following Report respecting Thomas Gibson who had commenced building a Vault without permission having been obtained therefor

The Attorney respectfully reports to the Board, that Thomas Gibson, of the firm of Gibson & Davis, was written to for commencing the building of a Vault at the Corner of Chapel & Murray Streets, without permission; That since that time permission has been granted in the usual manner, and the usual amount paid therefor to the Chamberlain. and that Mr Gibson has paid the Costs.

The Attorney has no doubt that this omission on the part of Mr Gibson, whereby he has incurred a penalty of $100 was unintentional, and he therefore recommends a remission of the same.

respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the penalty was remitted.

The following resolution was presented respecting Opening First Street in the Tenth Ward from the First Avenue to North Street

Resolved, That it is desireable for the public Convenience to Open First Street in the Tenth Ward from the First Avenue to North Street; (the said First Street being a Street laid out by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, under and by virtue [47] of the Act entitled "An Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes" passed April 3rd 1807); and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done; and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court, at its ensuing October Term, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises, in order that the same may be carried into effect, according to the provisions of the Acts of the Legislature in said Case made & provided.

Whereupon the same was adopted.

The Attorney thereupon presented a Petition to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners for the Opening of First Street in the Tenth Ward from the first Avenue to North Street which was directed to be duly Authenticated.

The Attorney also presented a Report upon the Communication of the City Inspector referred to him in relation to Slaughter Houses— which having been read was laid for Consideration.

He also presented the draught of a Lease to Rathbone, Fitch &

Roorback for Castle Clinton which was referred to the Committee on Lands & plases,

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments, which were confirmed, Viz,

[48] An Assessment for repaving Chatham Street from Broadway to Tryon Row

Also an Assessment for a Well & pump in Canal St. near Hudson St and N Jarvis *and N. Jarvis* was appointed Collector in each.

Also an Assessment for a Well & pump in Harman Street near Pike Street

Also for a Well and pump in Lombardy St near Pike Street, and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in each.

Also an Ordinance for Well & pump in Elizabeth Street near Spring Street which was passed and Francis Peckwell, John Brower and Abr^{m} Dally were appointed Assessors.

He also presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for paving Sheriff St. and a Warrant was directed to issue to Collect the same

He also presented a Communication recommending that the Deeds of Cession of Streets to the Corporation should be recorded in the Register's Office which was referred to the Committee on Laws

He also presented the following report, stating the necessity of repairing the Pavement around the City Hall

The Street Commissioner begs leave to suggest the propriety of repairing the flagging of the Area in front of this Hall and also the pavement in the rear, both of which are sunken, so as to render the approach to the Building [49] difficult and unpleasant particularly in wet weather and during the winter Season.

If it should be deemed advisable that such repairs should be made this season, the Street Commissioner would recommend that directions be given to have it attended to without delay.

All which is respectfully submitted

R. Graves St. Comm^{r}

Whereupon he was directed to cause said repairs to be immediately made.

The City Inspector presented Ordinance[s] for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, Viz

No 1	Rt Dickenson	Owner	Laurens St.	A Lot.
2	Wm T Lawrence	do	Ditto	"
3	J Wigham	do	Grand & Laurens	"
4	Abrm Stagg	do	146 Harman St	"
5	Ar L Stewart	do	Hubert St.	"
6	Ditto	do	Sullivan	"
7	Wm Niblo	do	William St.	A Privy

G. Cuming
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The Recorder from the Committee of arrangements for the reception and Entertainment of the Marquis De La Lafayette presented the following Resolutions of thanks which were unanimously adopted.

[50] Resolved, that the Corporation of the City of New York acting in behalf of themselves and their fellow Citizens, tender to the proprietors of several Steam Boats*, which were engaged in conducting the Marquis La Fayette to this City, upon his arrival from France—and to the Captains and Crews—public thanks, for the very sp[l]endid manner in which they enabled the municipal authorities to receive our Illustrious Visitor

Resolved, That the thanks of the City of New York, be communicated to Capt Rodgers of the Navy—and to Major Smith of the Marine Corps—their Officers and Men for the share which they took in the reception of the Marquis La Fayette.

Resolved, That the special thanks of the Corporation of the City of New York, be presented to the North River Steam Boat Company, for the highly liberal manner in which they placed at the disposal of the Corporation, the boats of that Company, for the reception of the Marquis La Fayette—and that the Corporation of the City of New York, in behalf of the City, take a particular pleasure in acknowledging, publickly, the continued acts of service rendered by that Company, at great inconvenience and Expence, to promote the wishes of the Common Council in relation to their distinguished Guest, and they hope that services thus liberal, gratuitous, and patriotic, will be duly appreciated by an [51] Enlightened Community.

* Boats which Volunteered in the Escort to convey Genl La Fayette to the City.

The	Chancellor Livingston	Capt Center
"	Connecticut	" Buncker
"	Oliver Elsworth	" Havens
"	Nautilus	" De Forest
"	Bellona	" Jenkins
"	Steam Ship Robert Fulton	" Chase

Resolved That the thanks of this Board be given to Charles Rhinde Esq[r] the Agent of the North River Steam Boat Company for his Constant, unremitted, and efficient efforts, to give the finest and most imposing effect to the munificent and public spirited appropriation of the Boats for the honorable purpose to which they were applied.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board be presented to the Captains and Crews of the North River Steam Boat Company, for their uniform hospitality, Kindness, and attention.

Resolved, that the Resolutions passed by the different Insurance Offices of this City "That the detention at Staten Island of the Vessel "in which the Marquis La Fayette might arrive (if found necessary "by the Corporation) should in no wise affect the Insurance" was in a spirit of liberality and disinterestedness, highly honorable to them, and entitles them to the thanks of this Common Council.

Resolved. That Major Gen[l] Morton be requested to return to the Troops on duty, at the reception of the Marquis De La Fayette, the thanks of this Board, for the promptness with which their services were rendered in honor of one of Our most beloved and distinguished Veterans of the Revolution,

Resolved That the preceding resolutions be [52] entered upon the records of the Common Council that the Clerk of this Board communicate Copies of the respective resolutions to the respective persons therein named—And that they be published in all the Daily papers of this City.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Committee of Arrangements

R. Riker Chairman

M[r] Hone presented the following Resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Superintendant of Repairs, be instructed forthwith to repair the Iron Railing around the Park, by restoring such of the parts thereof as have been removed or lost, and to secure such as are at present loose and liable to be removed.

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following Resolution,

[53] Resolved, That the Committee on Applications to the Legislature be instructed to enquire as to the expediency of shortening the time allowed by Law, to the Assessors, for Assessing the Tax, and advertising, and also for so amending the Laws as to have the Assessment began at an earlier day.

Which was adopted.

M[r] Cowdrey presented a Resolution directing the Street Inspectors

to ascertain the number of Houses now going up and erected since the first of January last, which was read and laid on the Table.

Alderman Seymour presented a Resolution directing a place to be set apart for a Pound to impound the Ca[t]tle trespassing on the Park, which was referred to the Committee on Lands & places

On Motion of Alderman Mann the Board proceeded to appoint Inspectors for the ensuing Annual Election when the following Persons were Elected. Viz

First Ward	Second Ward
Robert Manning	Abraham Cargill
John Y Cebra	John Leonard
Moses Jaques	Gilbert Roe.

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Third Ward	Fourth Ward
Isaac L Kip	David Bryson
Dan^{l} D. Smith	Rich^{d} E Mount
William A. Seely	Wm Silliman

Fifth Ward	Sixth Ward
John B Schmelzel	Matthew Reed
Rob^{t} M Russell	Adam W Turnbull
George Concklin	Andrew Surre

Seventh Ward	Eighth Ward
Abraham Dally	Sam^{l} M Thompson
William S Coe	Andrew Baccus
Henry S Brooks	Jacob Ames

Ninth Ward	Tenth Ward
Thomas Morris	Reuben Clark
John Doughty	Elijah Whipple
Nath^{l} Reynolds	Solomon Wheeler

The Report of the Finance Committee on the petition of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen for remission of Rent in Consideration that the same should be applied to the purposes of the Apprentices Library was called up and being read was in the words following,

The finance Committee, respectfully report, on the annexed petition of the General [55] Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York, That the said Society hold a Lease of a piece of Ground from the Corporation for 60 years, at an annual rent of $125—and that they wish to be entirely released from the payment of the rent, "on the condition that the amount of said rent be annually appropriated to the purchase of Books for the Apprentices Library"

under such regulations & restrictions as the Common Council may deem proper,

Your Committee are duly impressed with the fact of the usefulness of the institution in question, and the great benefits that have resulted from it—But they nevertheless think, that it would be inexpedient to release the whole rent—and that if such rent is remitted for five years, it will be a valuable donation to the Institution, and a great aid to the Apprentices Library. For such a laudable purpose, Your Committee thinks that it is expedient to pass, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution.

Resolved, that five years rent on the before mentioned Lease be remitted to the said Society on the Conditions in the aforegoing report. mentioned

(Signed) Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland.
Henry J Wyckoff
Geo. Zabriskie
Wm Burtsell.

[56] The question being taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee the same was carried in the affirmative.

The Report of the Finance Committee on the Petition of the Orphan Asylum for pecuniary Aid was called up and being read was in the words following

The finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of the Orphan Asylum Society—That the Society is composed of a number of the most respectable Ladies in the City, who have supported and Educated many poor Orphans, and saved them from indigence & want,—That a number of Children have been taken from the Alms House, and supported and Educated at the expense of this Society. But that the funds of the Society are now so impaired that they require relief, and your Committee think that they properly look for it from the City which, but for their exertions, would have been compelled to support many of the Orphans who are thus taken care of by this Society—Your Committee are entirely unwilling, to establish any more precedents for annual donations to charitable Institutions Yet they cannot but say, that the Orphan Asylum, for its past exertions, from the time of its Institution deserves the sanction [57] and approbation of the Common Council of the City, and is fairly and equitably entitled to a donation, without intending to commit the Board as to any future aid. The sum of five hundred dollars, your

Committee think, would be proper to be given to the Institution in question, and cannot but be considered as due to them for what they have saved the public by their charitable support of Orphans, Your Committee therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of the Orphan Asylum for five Hundred Dollars.

(Signed) Reuben Munson
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
George Zabriskie
Wm Burtsell

The question being taken on agreeing to the same it was carried in the affirmative.

Mr Cowdrey presented a resolution authorising the Watch Committee to increase the City Watch in such way and for such period as they may deem expedient

Which was referred to the Watch Committee.

[58] The Comptroller made the following report.

Balance as pr Acct. 27 Septr	18.72	
Recd for Tax of 1823	47.160.13	
" Streets	11.604.57	
" Auction Sales	2.500.	
" Justices Courts	694.72	
" Rents	443.69	
" Mayoralty fees	161.25	
" Wells & Pumps	146.	
" Fines &c of Sheriff	131.	
" Commutation of Alien passengers	30.	
Loan of Mechanics Bank, Authorised 2d Febry last	10.400.	
		73.290.08

49 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Conklin Watch 1st Dist	813.75	
Hibbard & Clark do 2d "	666.75	
Bleakley & Brower do 3d "	645.75	
John Sidell 1st Marshall Salary 1 Qr 1 Inst	225.	
Wm Schureman Keeper Potters field 1 Month 1 Inst	37.50	
Chs Gilman " Battery 1 " 1 "	30.	
Andrew McCready " Park 1 " 1 "	30.	
R. Riker Chairn of Committee for the reception & Entertaint of Genl Lafayette		
Resoln of the Board 27 Sepr $1000.		
" Finance Commee 8 Inst 1500.	2.500.	
Abrm B Martling Keeper of City Hall to purchase Fuel	200.	

M. Ulshoeffer Counsel for Leases, Certificates, drafting Laws &c..... 160.27
[59] Manhattan Company, Water for Fulton & Washingn Markets, & Jail 1 Year to 1 May 1825..... 115.
J Morton for Hack hire & Index 51 Vo. Minutes &c..... 90.50
L Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Month 1 Inst 64.42
J Bremner " Catharine " " " 56.
P Amerman " Six " " " 54.50
George Duryea " Fulton " " " 41.67
R. Smith " Franklin " " " 37.50
Isaac Astin Sweeper Fulton " " " 38.59
Wm Sherwood Rent for Justices Court 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qr 1 Augt 37.50
Richd Riker Recorder 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst..... 375.
J. Fleming Treasr Amt paid E. B. Child. a Witness Ordered by Court ..... 50.
C. Chester refreshments for Jurors attending Court..... 32.
Office of Evening Post. Advertising Tavern Licenses..... 4.
Hoyt & Tom Cordage for Fire Department..... 88.50
A Burtis Supert Alms House & Officers 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst 537.50
W Hoghland Keeper. Penitenr & 3 Assist 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst 537.50
Abrm Leggett Superg & Work Mud Machine to 10 Inst.... 110.67
E. W Bridges. Surveys & Maps 1 Janr to 1 Octor..... 823.91
Ed. Doughty do " 1 Qr 1st Inst..... 382.42
Danl Ewen do " " " 171.88
A. H. Mooney bal. reg & repavg New St from Garden to Beaver 111.63
[60] H. Smith Bal. reg & repavg Beekman St from Cliff to Pearl St..... 17.66
J Sloan filling Lot Corner Amity & McDougal St. Lien Wm Stone 190.82
S Fargay repairs to Intersections 2d & 3d Wards..... 417.90
J Pinkerton ditto 1 Ward..... 65.76
Geo. Lovett Acct. flagging Side Walks around the park.... 1500.
Geo. Charlton 1st payt Well Bleecker St ben Broadway & Bowery 89.25
J Gallagher bal. on Well Rhynder St. near Broome St..... 76.28
Geo. Charlton bal. on Well 11th Street near Bowery..... 54.
Geo. Bowman Inspecting laying flags & regulating at Battery ..... 144.
Geo Lovett 1st paymt for pier foot of Chamber St..... 1872.
J Anderson 2d paymt for pier Albany Basin..... 1575.
J. Anderson 2d " for pier Roosevelt St Basin..... 1445.
Jacob P Roome Super Repairs, for Stone and Labour at Castle Clinton 2190.37
J. P. Roome Super Repairs for Repairs Docks & Slips.... 1953.55
J. P Roome " " for Flagging & pavg at Essex Market 855.62
A Burtis Supert Alms House..... 5000.

J. Fleming Treasr, for Delinquent State taxes 1823.....	1324.97	
J Fleming " for 4 Bonds, Amt Advanced of Taxes for 1823 from Incorporated Companies.....	45.400.	
		64.072.37
Balance		$48.19

The Board adjourned.

[61] In Common Council. October 25th 1824

Present. The Honble Willm Paulding Junr Mayor. President Richd Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen		Asst Aldermen.
Henry J Wyckoff	1 Ward	Thos Bolton
Elisha W King	2	Saml St John
William H Ireland	3	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	4	Saml Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	5	William Burtsell
Shivers Parker	6	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	7	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	8	Thomas T Woodruff
	9	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	10	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

A Petition of J. P. Dieterich for permission to Sell four Gigs belonging to a person about leaving the City, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assist. of the 1st Ward

A Petition of Messrs Richards and Taylor praying [62] to be permitted to build a new Sewer from their Distillery through Perry Street to the North river, and for the privilege of using until Spring the Minetto Sewer, which being read was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward.

A Letter from John Eveleth offering for Sale to the Corporation a Drudgeing Machine lately built by him was referred to the Committee on Wharves, piers & Slips.

A petition of Wm Woods for leave to erect a temporary Shop in Front Street near New Slip his former Shop having been destroyed by fire was read and petitioner had leave to withdraw his petition.

A petition of Sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of the Battery complaining of a building now erecting at Castle Clinton—and a petition of Rathbone & Fitch on subject of the Lease to be given to them

for Castle Clinton were read and referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A petition from a number of Inhabitants in Vicinity of Stanton Slip praying said Slip may be docked out and filled up to Mangin [63] Street, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition of Daniel Winship and Others Claimants of Butchers Stands in the late Fly Market requesting a Committee may be authorized to arrange with them the amounts of compensation they are entitled to receive, Which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A recommendation in favor of Thomas Place to be appointed Weigher in Fulton Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of W^m Ostrander to be appointed Weigher in Fulton Market

A Similar petition of John Langdon

A Similar petition from Henry W Thorne were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Samuel Westervelt to be appointed a Measurer of Grain, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A petition from Charles H Hall for a Water Grant from 10^th^ to 11^th^ Street on the East River was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[64] A petition of Thomas H Smith for a Water Grant at Brooklyn Long Island between Adams and Jay Streets, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Letter was received from Richard Wilcox stating that he had invented an Analytical Airmeter which is susceptible of escertaining with the greatest precision the State of the Air we breathe announcing the approach of Contagious diseases and praying the Board to examine his apparatus, Which having been read was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences,

A Remonstrance from D C. Lambden Chairman and A. L. Resseigue Secretary of a meeting of the Members of the several Churches in the Neighbourhood of Pearl St remonstrating against the practice of persons exposing Coffins for Sale in the Street, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of a number of Butchers and Grocers praying a Law may be passed prohibiting Grocers from Selling in their Stores Fresh pork and poultry, was referred to the Market Committee,

[65] A petition for paving the Side Walks in Crosby St. Howard to Broome St was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Job Hopkins to be appointed a Measurer of Grain was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office,

A petition from John G Bortholf stating he has received a Notice that his House in Sullivan St. stands on the Street 3 Inches on the Northerly side and 5 Inches on the Southerly and requesting directions as to the measures he is to pursue—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Thomas Dougherty to have a fine remitted incurred by digging out his Lot on Lombardy St. further into the Street than his line in front extended, was refer'ed to the Police Committee.

A Memorial was received from Monsieur Dupui Delarue proposing to establish an Institution for the Instruction of the Blind upon the plan of the One at Paris, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences,

[66] A petition from persons confined in the Debtors prison, requesting some fuel may be furnished to them and that the Windows in the Prison may be repaired was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

The finance Committee on the petition of Nicholas W Stuyvesants for a Water Grant reported in favour of petitioner as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the within petition of Nicholas W^m^ Stuyvesant for a Water Grant, That they can see no reason against granting the prayer of the petitioner, It is an ordinary application for a Water grant, in front of M^r^ Stuyvesants premises—Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Counsel prepare a grant for a Water lot to Nicholas W Stuyvesant, for ground under Water, opposite his Land, between Ninth & Tenth Streets, upon terms similar to those prescribed, in the case of Charles Henry Hail, and upon the other usual terms, conditions and reservations.

Signed
Reuben Munson
W^m^ H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Geo. Zabriskie
W^m^ Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[67] The Finance Committee on the Petition of George Warner to purchase a Gore of Land from the Corporation reported in favour of the same as follows,

The finance Committee respectfully report, on the within petition of George Warner Esq^r That the petitioner wishes to purchase a gore or Strip of Ground which the Corporation obtained under the proceedings for the Opening of Fourth St. he owning the adjourning property which the said gore or Strip lies in front of. Your Committee, in this, as in similar Instances, are of the Opinion, that the gore ought to be granted to the adjourning Owner, provided that he will pay its value to the Corporation, The Cost of this Gore to the Corporation is Three thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy Six $^{7}/_{100}$ Dollars, with the Interest from the time when the Corporation paid the Same, which M^r Warner is willing to pay for it, and which sum, in the Opinion of your Committee, is a fair Consideration for said Land It will amount to about $4.900

They therefore offer for the Consideration of the Board they following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Counsel prepare the usual Deed for the above piece of Land to M^r Warner, for the consideration above named,
(Signed), Reuben Munson, W^m H Ireland,
Henry J Wyckoff, Geo Zabriskie, & W^m Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[68] The Finance Committee on the Memorial of Morris De Camp relative to his compensation for adjusting the accounts of John G Betts presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee, to whom was refer'ed the annexed petition of Morris De Camp respectfully report, That sometime ago M^r D^e Camp was appointed by this Board to collect the unsettled assessments formerly put into the hands of John G Betts, That M^r D'Camp having finished the Collections, now prays an allowance to compensate him for his trouble and services,

Your Committee are of Opinion that M^r D'Camp has diligently and faithfully performed the services required of him, which, Considering the deranged state of the accounts of M^r Betts, called for his utmost attention and promptness, They believe that an allowance of two Hundred & Seventy four dollars and Eighty Six Cents, will be a fair compensation for the Services of M^r De Camp in these collections. This amount, added to what he has received for these collections, will make about SixperCent Commissions on the amount actually Collected by him; but which is to be in full of all compensation for his

services in relation to the whole of the Assessments formerly placed in the hands of Mr Betts.

[69] Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favour of Morris De Camp for the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy four Dollars & Eighty Six Cents, in full compensation for his services above Stated.

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition of Peter Parks to erect Iron railing in front of his Building, in Oliver St. reported in favour as follows, viz.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Parks for permission to erect an Iron railing in front of his Buildings in Oliver Street, Report, that they see no objections to the granting his request, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
[70] (Signed). Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Saml St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward on Complaint against deposite of Manure in Varick Street reported as follows. viz.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward to whom was referred the annexed memorial of Sundry of the Inhabitants of the Eight Ward against the deposit of Manure in their vicinity, and within the limits prescribed by Law. Report that in their Opinion, the depositors of manure should be forthwith noticed by the City Inspector to remove the same, and that all violators of the Ordinance forbiding the deposit within Certain limits, be in future reported to the Attorney to this Board, they accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the depositors of the Manure in the 8th Ward, be noticed by the City Inspector to remove the same forthwith, and that all violations in future be reported by him to the Attorney to this Board for prosecution

Jacob B Taylor
Thomas T. Woodruff,

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[71] The Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner on a petition for a Well and pump in Canal Street reported in favour of the same as follows. Viz.

The Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Hatfield and Others for a Well & pump in Canal Street near Varick Street, report that in their opinion their request is reasonable and ought to be granted, and accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted and an Ordinance passed accordingly

Jacob B. Taylor
Thomas T. Woodruff
R Graves, St Commr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Special Committee on the Letter of the Superintendant of the Penitentiary presented the following

The Special Committee to whom was referred a communication from the Superintendant of the Penitentiary respecting alterations in the interior of that building so as to construct a number of Cells for Lodging the prisoners seperately.

Report, That they have attended to the [72] duties of their appointment, and after a personal inspection and full consultation with mechanicks of experience, are of opinion the alterations may be made with great advantage to the dicipline of the prison, and at an inconsiderable expence to the City, as most of the work can be done by the convicts themselves, it is not intended by your Committee to recommend any thing further at present than to commence the improvement by erecting Sixteen Cells as will be seen by refference to the accompanying plan, and if the advantages prove equal to the expectations of your Committee, then by degrees to go on encreasing the Cells to the number of One Hundred and twenty Eight which can be done in the front half of the Building without disturbing the accommodations of the Keeper, this number of Cells in the Opinion of your Com-

mittee will be sufficient for all necessary and useful purposes and leave the other half of the Building as at present arranged, which may be occupied for the Confinement of Vagrants, and those committed for minor offences. The Committee do not think it necessary to add their testimony to the many others that are accumulateing in favour of a measure so important as the confinement of prisoners in seperate Cells. [73] but conclude their report by recommending the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Superintendant of the Penitentiary be instructed (under the direction of the Committee charged with this subject) to commence the alterations and to cause them to be compleated as soon as convenient

Henry J Wyckoff
Asa Mann
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Jacob B Taylor
Alpheus Sherman

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Board of Supervisors to whom had been referred the subject of forming a Tariff of Compensation for the Collectors of the several Wards presented the following Report, which was approved and accepted.

The Special Committee appointed to fix a Tariff that would give the Collectors of the several Wards a suitable compensation for their time and trouble in collecting the Taxes—Report that they have gone into various calculations and finally have agreed to recommend the following resolution, which if adopted will in the opinion of your Committee give each Collector a fair and reasonable Compensation for his trouble,

[74] Resolved, that the Collector of the First Ward be, and he is hereby authorised to retain in his hands on all monies by him collected and paid over to the City Treasurer of the City Tax Three Quarters per Cent—That the Collector of the Second Ward, retain on all monies by him Collected Two per Cent—That the Collector of the Third Ward retain Two and three Eights per Cent on all monies by him collected, That the Collector of the Fourth Ward retain Three and three Eights per Cent on all monies by him collected—That the Collector of the Fifth Ward retain Three and One half per Cent on all monies by him Collected—That the Collector of the Sixth Ward retain Three and Seven eights per Cent on all monies by him collected—That the Col-

lector of the Seventh Ward retain Five and three quarters per Cent, on all monies by him Collected—That the Collector of the Eighth Ward retain Four and One Eighth per Cent on all monies by him Collected—That the Collector of the Ninth Ward retain Eight and One quarter per Cent on all monies by him Collected—That the Collector of the Tenth Ward retain Five and One Eighth per Cent on all monies by him collected and no more, and that this be a full compensation for each of said Collectors respectively for their time and trouble in collecting and [75] paying over to the City Treasurer the monies authorised to be raised by Tax, for the City and County of New York for the current year.

Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Asa Mann
Richd Riker

The Board of Supervisors to whom had been referred the subject of forming a Jury list, presented the following Resolutions which were adopted, viz.

Resolved, That the Aldermen & Assistants and Assessors and Collectors of each Ward, designate the Jurors from the Assessment Books.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty dollars be allowed to each Ward to be divided among those who were employed in designating the Jurors from the Assessment Books.

(Signed) J Morton Clerk

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Letter from Judge Thompson and the Resolution of the Board of the 13th Septemr 1824, presented the following Report.

The Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution, and letter from the Honble Judge Thompson relating to the removal of the United States Courts from the City Hall, respectfully report, That in the month of Septemr 1811, immediately after the completion of [76] the City Hall, a committee appointed for the purpose by the Common Council, proceeded to designate the several apartments in that building for the use for which it was designed, and among others, that Committee set apart one of the most commodious and spacious rooms, for the use of the Courts of the U, States, and caused a label to be placed on the door thereof accordingly. No exclusive grant of this room has ever been made to the U, States, but their Courts, until recently, continued to occupy it, in the same manner as the various Courts of the State and City have occupied the rooms assigned to them, Having heard it suggested that the Courts of the U States have occasionally been interrupted in the occupation of the room set apart for

their use, Your Committee deemed it their duty to make enquiry on the subject from the highly respectable Judges and Officers of those Courts, but as yet, no information has been afforded except that contained in a Letter from the Marshall of the district to the Comptroller of the Treasury, accompanied with a Copy of One of the resolutions recommended in the report of the Committee on public Offices, and adopted by the Board on the 11th Augt 1823, Copies of which, are hereunto annexed—It is however within the knowledge of your Committee that the room set apart for the Courts of the [77] U. States has occasionally been occupied for other purposes, as has also been the case, with respect to the various other Court rooms in the Hall, But your Committee are not aware that such temporary occupation was calculated to embarass the Courts of the U. States, inasmuch as there has, at all times been a suitable room in the Hall unoccupied, and subject to their wishes. If however those Courts have been incommoded in holding their sessions in the Hall either from the negligence of the Keeper or otherwise, it has not been done by the order, or with the knowledge of the Common Council, and certain it is, that no complaint has ever been made to them on the subject—The room thus set apart for the use of the Courts of the U States, still continues so, and is ready for their occupation whenever they may deem it necessary.

With respect to the Office of Clerk of the Courts of the U. States, Your Committee find that in the month of April 1813 a room in the basement Story was assigned for that purpose, but they cannot discover that the room in the second Story lately occupied by him, was ever so appropriated, that room however being unoccupied, he was permitted to use it, and it will be seen by the report of the Committee on public Offices made the 11th August 1823, That it was with reluctance they were Compelled to recommend the appropriation of this room to a different purpose, Whilst [78] at the same time they proposed to accommodate the Clerk with the One at present Occupied by the Honble Judge Edwards, and to have it fitted up in a suitable manner, and a Resolution to that effect passed the Common Council, but the Clerk deeming it too small for his convenience preferred taking another room out of the Hall.

(Signed) William H Ireland
Asa Mann
Elisha W King

Whereupon the same was accepted & filed and his Honor the Mayor was requested to transmit a copy of the same to Judge Thompson and

it was also ordered that the said Report with the accompanying documents together with the Report of the Committee on Public Offices of the 27th October 1823 be published in the papers employed by the Board.

A Letter from Sylvester Robinson President of the Niagara I[n]surance Company addressed to the Board of Supervisors was laid before the Board, stating that the Report of the Profits of the Company accompanied with a Receipts of the City Treasurer, of the Commutation having been paid thereon agreeably to Law, was presented to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors on the 5th September 1824 the day prescribed by Law [79] but the Board of Supervisors having adjourned previous to the receipt of the Report by the Clerk, the Board at their next meeting directed the Clerk to return the same as the Books of Assessment had been made out and approved previous to the receipt of the same, and the Petitioners now pray relief in the premises as they consider that they had complied with the requisition of the Law—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Assessment

The Chief Engineer presented a Report stating that George Went member of Fire Engine Company N° 12. refused at a late fire to obey the orders of the Assistant Foreman of the Company and he therefore recommended his expulsion from the Company, He also stated that Fire Engine Company N° 8 had knowingly permitted Volunteer Boys to appear in the garb of Firemen contrary to the Resolution of the 21st June last, and that agreeably to said Resolution he had sent their Engine to the Corporation Yard, Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 2

Edward Underhill, Shoe Maker 152 Chatham St
(Vice) James Hall Resigned

[80] Oliver T Scribner Locksmith Scammel St
(Vice) John R Lecount, Resigned.

Lewis Labrett Coach Trimmer 46 Lispenard St,
(Vice) Thomas Lecount, Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 3.

Harold Geer, Carpenter 44 Broad St
(Vice) Joseph Swaine Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 6.

Thomas J B Clark Cabinet Maker 214 Church,
Vice James Haselton Expelled

Fire Engine Company N° 14

Thomas Francis Tailor 39 Vesey St
Vice, Hiram Pierson Resigned
Edward G Billington Accountant 39 Barckly St
Vice, John Colgate Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 15

George Wilt Baker Pump n^r Chrystie St.
Vice James M Shourt Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 16

Robert Furlong Grocer 27 Nassau St
(Vice) Samuel Becannon Resigned
John J R B Tyrie Carpenter 9 Fletcher St
Vice George Alcock Resigned

[81] Fire Engine Company N° 19

Cornelius Demarest Cabinet Maker 41 Hester St.
(Vice) Dennis Craft Time expired
Anthony Fountain Cordwainer 78 Ludlow St.
(Vice) Abraham Shotwell Deceased
Joseph S Barker Shoe Store 78 Eldridge St.
Vice, Henry Fisher Joined the Watch.
Archibald Parsells Cordwainer 78 Ludlow St.
Vice George W Lanckenaw Resigned
Charles Good Baker 45 Mulberry St
Vice to fill up the Company

Fire Engine Company N° 20

William Carl Sadler 65 Cedar St
Vice, John Crawford Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 26

Benjamin Fuller, Cordwainer 29 Pike St
Vice, George Mariner Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 33

John Allen Brass Founder 1 Clinton St
Vice, James P. Allaire Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 37

George H Dewitt Hatter 104 Delancy St
Vice Henry Larkins Resigned

Oliver T Scribner Locksmith 18 Scammel St
Vice Isaac Miller Resigned

[82] Fire Engine Company N° 37

Henry A Rogers Shoemaker 83 Forsyth
Vice, Charles Dewstoe Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 40

Samuel S Wandell Cartman 230 Mulberry St.
(Vice) William Eagles Resigned

Peter M Granger Butcher 231 Mulberry St.
Vice Jeremiah Chapman Resigned

Samuel B Edwards Carpenter 115 Forsyth St
Vice Thomas G Harrison Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 41

Nathaniel Akeley Cordwainer Broome & Arundle
Vice, Harry Stiles Resigned

Enos Force Mason 67 Arundle Vice, John Boyd Resigned

Henry W Scofield Blacksmith 67 Arundle
Vice William J Pell Resigned

The Attorney presented the following in relation to the correction of a mistake in the Petition to the Supreme Court for Opening first St.

The Attorney respectfully reports, that one or two inaccuracies in the Map for the Opening of First Street having been discovered, since the same was made out, it has become necessary to alter the petition to the Supreme Court (for the appointment of Commissioners) [83] accordingly, The Petition is therefore submitted for execution to the Board as amended.

Respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Petition presented was directed to be duly Authenticated.

The Attorney presented the following Report in relation to an alteration in two certificates of Leases to James Jenkins and Isaac Thorne,

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports, that the Assistant Street Commissioner has discovered that two Certificates of the Sale

of property sold for nonpayment of taxes, on the 12th day of August 1822, and the leases which were made out from those certificates, one to James Jenkins, and one to Isaac Thorne are incorrect in the description of the situation of the property so sold—he having examined into the matter, and finding that the Certificate drawn by the late Counsel differed from the description of the situation as contained in the advertisements of sale and auctioneers list of sales, but the late Counsel could not upon searching, find the list furnished to him from the Street Commissioner's Office, and from which he made out the Certificates.

It is therefore impossible to state where the mistake originated. The Leases being made out from the Certificates at the end of two years, in Case the property is not redeemed are of course erroneous in the same particulars,

[84] The mistake in both the above certificates and leases is, that the word "Herring Street" has been substituted for Greenwich Street, the property being described as situated on the North Side of Charles Street between Herring and Hudson Streets, whereas it ought to have read, on the North side of Charles Street between Greenwich and Hudson Street. The purchasers have applied to the Street Commissioner to have the error corrected, This may be done by the Board authorising the Attorney to alter the Certificates and Leases already made out.

The Certificates and Leases are for the following pieces of property, the descriptions of which are according to the advertisement and Auctioneers list.

I All that certain House and Lot of ground situate in the Ninth Ward of the City of New York on the North side of Charles Street, between Greenwich and Hudson Streets, assessed as belonging to Thomas Blanch, sold to James Jenkins for five years from 12th August 1824 for Twenty five Dollars and fifty Cents.

II All that certain House and Lot of ground situate in the Ninth Ward of the City of New York, on the North side of Charles Street, between Greenwich and Hudson Streets, assessed as belonging to Thomas Blanch, sold to Isaac Thorne for Three years, from 12th [85] August 1824, for Twenty five Dollars & fifty One Cents.

The Attorney respectfully recommends that he be authorised to alter the said certificates & Leases for the above property (in such manner that they may comply with the advertisements of Sale, and Auctioneers certificate of Sale, and the actual situation of the pieces of property) by striking out the word "Herring and inserting the

word Greenwich" and that his Honor the Mayor re-execute or re-acknowledge the same after such alteration

Respectfully Submitted

M. Ulshoeffer

Whereupon it was directed that the said Certificates be duly authenticated as recommended by the Attorney.

The Attorney presented a Report stating that the Resolution of last meeting on subject of Carriage-ways had been transmitted to him by the Committee with a request that he would draft an Ordinance correspondent with the Resolution which he had done and presented the same—Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee.

The Attorney on the Petitions of the Revd D. S. Bogart and William A Davis reported as follows.

[86] The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports on the annexed petition of the Revd D S Bogart and W A Davis Esqr. That the former offers to abandon his late tenement No 31 William St. to the Corporation; and the latter objects to the removal of that building before the first of May next, until which day he hired part of the same from Mr Bogart.

By the Laws and proceedings relative to the extension of Garden Street and Slote Lane, the Corporation are seized in fee of the Land on which the building in question stands—and they are authorised to enter into possession, & remove all the buildings on the same—the same now being part of a public Street

The Commissioners for opening Garden Street were appointed by the Supreme Court on the 24th of May last. and commenced their proceedings on the 26th of that month. Mr. Davis on the 22nd of June following hired from Mr Bogert the first floor and Garret of the front building on the lot, until the 1st of May next. The Commissioners inspected and examined the premises required for extending this Street (as they State) on the 27th of May, nearly if not quite a month anterior to Mr Davis taking possession, (as it now appears he did,) of the part of the building so hired by him, The Commissioners filed their report or estimate of damages &c. [*] in the Clerks Office on the 14th July, and gave 14 days public Notice, in 3 daily papers, according to Law, during this time, all persons had a right to object to the Commissioners report, and afterwards they had a right to appeal to the Supreme Court; no objections however, were *may* [made] by or in behalf of Mr Davis, either before the Commis-

* New page, not numbered.—Ed.

sioners or Supreme Court, and the proceedings were confirmed on the 2d of August last.

The Laws under which Streets are opened have been long in existence, and constantly in execution, and have been frequently the subject of legal investigation but their constitutionality has never been seriously questioned, nor has the question ever been raised that the notice to the parties interested, as provided for in the Law, was insufficient.

With respect to tenants for part of a Year—it is probable that they are not noticed under these Laws, because, in most cases, the Streets are opened on or about the 1st May, when such tenancies terminate—In the case of Garden St. however, the Board have ordered the opening to take place on the 1st Novemr next, although they possessed the power to have postponed the same not exceeding 15 Months from the time that the Court confirmed the proceedings. The Board having thus determined on the time of opening the Street, and having proceeded to collect the Assessments, cannot further postpone the Opening. Their power in that respect [88] being executed.

The extending of this public Street, of course requires the removal of the tenements encumbering it. The Board usually orders this to be done, in case the owners neglect to do it. If when the Board orders the buildings to be removed, a suit should be brought for that act, it will present a case in no respect different from those cases that may exist in every opening of a Street, which requires houses to be taken down, No one has yet ventured to bring such an action, because it is believed that no such action could be sustained.

All general laws, affecting property, in their execution, frequently operate very hardly in particular instances—but those instances arise, not from the defects of the Law, but from the parties having themselves omitted to bring forward their claims, in time, under the provisions of the Law, This Common Council cannot review the proceedings of the Commissioners, and open the Street, in case they approve, and refuse to open it, in case they disapprove. The Supreme Court alone possessed this power, and have executed it—The obligation remains imperative upon this Board, to execute whatever of the Law remains to be executed, that is, to open the Street, to collect the assessments, and to pay the awards.

[89] Whether Mr Davis has not a just claim against the Revd Mr Bogert, for damages, under the circumstances of his Case, is a matter with which this Board has no power of interfering. In a case where a Landlord should rent his tenement after legal proceedings under

these Laws, had actually progressed so far, and the tenant should be dispossessed, it might present a serious question whether the Landlord was not liable to indemnify the tenant, but it never could affect the validity of the proceedings of the Commissioners

If the Building thus partly occupied by Mr Davis is not removed by the 1st Novemr it will nevertheless remain for this Board to determine whether they will, (notwithstanding their legal rights and duties) assume the responsibility, of omitting to pull down the front building in question until the 1st of May next; which is all that Mr Davis asks or requires, If this be done, it may be proper to accept the abandonment of the building tendered by Mr Bogart.

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Which was accepted and ordered to be filed and the Street Commissioner was directed to cause the Buildings to be removed from and after the 1st Novemr next.

[90] The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinance which was passed, Viz,

For a Well and Pump in Canal Street near Varick Street and Isaac Kip, Cary Dunn Junr and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors thereon.

He also presented the following Assessments which were Confirmed—Viz.

For regulating and paving Rutgers Slip and repaving Cherry Street from Rutgers to Pelham St

Also for pitching and paving Eldridge Street from Stanton to North Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in each.

Also for a Well and Pump in Bleecker St. near Mott St. and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

Also for laying Cross Walks in the 3rd Ward and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The City Inspector on the petition referred to him of Joseph Ives presented the following Report which was directed to be filed.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports on the petition of Joseph Ives respecting an improved system of Tubs for necessary purposes, in lieu of the open tubs now in use.

[91] That he has examined Mr Ives's tubs, from his judgment, and the Opinion of a number of scientific men with whom he conversed on the subject, he is of opinion, a considerable improvement has been made by Mr Ives. In Paris Tubs of a more Complex

form are in use, and strongly recommended; there, they are peculiarly valuable, particularly as in many instances, their houses are altogether, without yards—yet, it does not appear, that any Legal measures are resorted to, in that City, to coerce their sole use—their superior utility is gradually forcing them into notice; and so probably it should be here.

At the same time, the subject appears to well merit the attention of a Committee, before whom are desirous of appearing a number of respectable Citizens, for the purpose of elucidating the subject, and, if possible, correcting or amending, the present mode of Emptying Privies & Tubs

Respectfully Submitted

George Cuming City Inspecr

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully report the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances.

No 1	Chs McEvers	Owner	Elizabeth St	A Lot
2	Widow Juhel	do	Do.	Do
3	[92] Jno R Livingston	do	Do.	Do
4	Jno J Astor	do	Do	"
5	Hu Maxwell	do	Mercer St	"
6	M Field	do	14 New St	a privy
7	Sl Purdy	do	85 Cherry St	"
8	Ditto	do	83 Do	"
9	G Lovett	do	Laurens S	a Lot

Geo Cuming
City Inspector.

Alderman Wyckoff presented a resolution to amend the 17th Section of the Laws to extinguish Fires, so as that all expulsions of Firemen be reported to the Board, Which was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

The following resignations from persons appointed Inspectors of the ensuing election was read and the following were appointed in their stead viz

4th Ward.

David Bryson Resigned and Eldad Holmes appointed
Wm Silliman do " Isaac Brown "

6th Ward

Matthew Reed Resigned and Pearson Halstead appod

Mr Bolton presented a Resolution respecting Ordering the different Sewers in the City to be cleansed at stated times—Which was referred to the Canal Committee.

[93] The Report of the Committee on Lands and places on subject of selecting a Site for a Pottersfield was called up and after some discussion was postponed

Mr Cowdrey presented a Resolution that the Board would attend the examination of Free School N° 6 at Bellevue to-morrow afternoon at 3 Oclock which was agreed to

The Report of the Committee on the Communication of the Commissioners under the Law of the 10th of April was called up and after some discussion—the further consideration was postponed,

The Comptroller made the following Report.

Balance as per Acct. 11th Inst	48.19	
Recd for Streets	5196.78	
" Rents	995.89	
" Wells & pumps	371.25	
" Tavern Licenses	250.	
" Taxes of 1823. 5 & 10 Wards	192.07	
" Cartmen & Porter's Licenses	178.87	
" Mayoralty fees	84.50	
Loan of Mechanics Bank Authorised 2 Feb last	8600.	
		15.917.55

35 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Conklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
[94] Hibbard & Clark Watch 2d Dist	666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "	645.75
Geo B. Smith Asst st. Commr 1 Qr Salary 15 Inst	337.50
J Morton for Hackhire & other Charges paid	26.62
Abrm Leggett Supers & Work Mud Machine to 24 Inst	130.82
G N Bleecker Completing Tax books of 1824	300.
C. Chester Dinner for Jury 13 Inst. ordered by Court	9.50
J. Culbert. Acct. reg & pav. Canal St from Greenwich to Hudson St	610.03
C. Mooney Acct. reg & pav Sidewalks Prince St between Broadway & Bowery	280.
J Bailey Acct. reg & pav Norfolk St. from Broome to Stanton	150.
H. Smith Acct. reg & pav Sheriff St from Broome to Stanton	150.
H Smith Bal. reg & repav Pearl St from Fulton to Peck slip	77.22
H Smith Bal. reg & repav. Water St from Fulton to Peck Slip	54.30
Isaac Thorne Amt. paid on Lot 1110 Orange St. refunded	14.52

Wm Gee posting bills for St Commr to 20 Octor	12.	
Isaac T. Ludlam Surveys Maps &c 1 Qr 1 Inst	443.45	
Thomas R Ludlam do do " "	380.64	
[95] S. Fargay Corporn part reg & pav Chatham St from Broadway to Jail	911.07	
R Pettigrew bal on Well, Harman near pitt St	85.25	
J Gallagher bal. on Well Lombardy near pike St	72.80	
R. Pettigrew bal on Well Henry nr Grand	72.	
J. Gallagher 1t payt Well Suffolk nr Delancy	58.50	
John G Tibbets return of part assesst Well and pump Cr North & Attorney Street	42.	
H Smith acct flagging Walk at Battery	1000.	
G Tucker 4th paymt Masons Work at Fever Hospital	2500.	
G Tucker Acct. repairing Wall & regulating ground at Battery	500.	
R Graves St. Commr for repairs Roads	800.	
Jacob P Roome Supt Repairs fr fire departt	570.	
J P. Roome " " " repairs	415.	
J P Roome Supt Repairs for Dock Stone at C Clinton	334.	
J P Roome " " " Pump Departmt	268.	
J P. Roome " " " Docks & Slips	123.	
Treasurer of Orphan Asylum, Ordered by Board 11 Inst	500.	
A Burtis Supert Alms House	2500.	
		10.751.62
Balance.		$63.08

The Board adjourned.

[96] Special Meeting. In Common Council November 1. 1824

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President

Aldermen.

William H Ireland
Thaddeus Seymour
George Zabriskie
Shivers Parker

A request was made by Doctor Cornelius Roosa to be made a Freeman of the City he being Nominated by a number of Electors of the Sixth Ward as a Candidate for the Office of Alderman of said Ward—Whereupon it was Resolved, that the request of Doctor Roosa be granted—He thereupon took and subscribed the Freeman's Oath which was administered to him by the Mayor and it was further Resolved that the sum of Two Dollars be paid by said Cornelius Roosa as a fee for admission to the rights of a Freeman of the City of New York.

The Board adjourned.

[97] In Common Council. November 8th 1824.

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor. President Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

	Alderman	Assistants
1 Ward	Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
2 "	Elisha W King	Saml St John
3 "	William H. Ireland	Philip Hone
4 "	Thaddeus Seymour	Saml Cowdrey
5 "	George Zabriskie	William Burtsell
6 "	Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
7 "	Asa Mann	Jamison Cox
8 "	Jacob B Taylor	Thomas T Woodruff
9 "	George S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
10 "	Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last regualar & Special Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Robt Le Roy for relief from mistake in Personal Tax assessed on him was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[98] A petition from Inhabitants at Whitehall that the Drain which runs into Whitehall Slip may be Opened and cleansed was referred to the Canal Committee with powers.

A petition of Anthony Arnoux that the Stoop of his House in Green Street Corner of Spring St. may be permitted to remain as erected was read and referred to the St. Committee.

A petition of Barbara Owens for an extension of time to pay an Assessment on Canal Street was referred to the Canal Committee

A petition of Leonard K Smith for Office of Inspector of Lumber was referred to Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of the Fisherman of Washington Market that the Brick floor of the part of the Market occupied by them may be taken up and a plank floor laid in its place was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of the Street Inspectors praying for additional compensation as extra services have been imposed upon them was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[99] A Remonstrance was received from Comfort Sands against granting a Water Grant to Thomas H Smith at Brooklyn and was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of Attorney &

Delancy Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 10th Ward & Street Commr

A Petition for a Well and Pump corner of Hammond St. and Greenwich Lane was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 9th Ward & St Commissioner

A Petition of Strong & Ballagh Contractors of Street manure of 3d District for relief from fine incurred by not removing dirt at Corner of Cherry St and Walnut St. was referred to the Police Committee

A Memorial from Owners of Lots in Vicinity of Maiden Lane complaining that the Sewer was overflowed at time of heavy rains and praying the same may be remedid—was referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition of James Herring to be employed to paint the Portrait of the Marquis De La Fayette required by the Corporation was read and referred to the Committee appointed on the reception and Entertainment of the Marquis.

[100] A Petition of Samuel Akerley to be remunerated for the expense of repaving Side Walks in Cherry St. a second time unnecessarily was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of N. Gevalot stating that he has executed in Plaster of Paris a Bust of the Marquis De La Fayette one of which he requests the Corporation to accept was read Whereupon the following Resolution was presented by Mr Cowdrey and adopted.

Resolved, That the Bust of General La Fayette, presented to this Board, by N Gevelot Artist and Sculptor, be accepted, and that the same be placed in a conspicuous situation in the Gallery of Paintings, under the direction of the Committee of repairs.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be presented to the above named N Gevelot, for his donation and that he be furnished by Genl Morton, with a Copy of these resolution[s],

A Letter addressed to the Mayor was laid before the Board from Samuel Akerly and others who have suffered by the late fires stating that they believe the same to have been the work of Incendiaries and praying that a Reward might be offered for the discovery and [101] apprehension of the perpetrators being read Mr Cowdrey presented the following preamble and Resolution which were adopted.

The frequent occurrence of fires, recently, in this City, affording to the good Citizens, and Inhabitants thereof, the most serious alarm; and it being the duty of this Board to take the most efficacious means within their power, for the discovery and apprehension of the Incendiaries, if such fires or any of them have been the result of design.

Therefore, Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be requested forthwith to issue his proclamation offering a Reward of $200 for the apprehension of any one of the persons who may have Feloniously occasioned any of the recent fires in this City, and the further sum of $100 for every other person who may have been concerned in the said Crime to the end that he or they may be brought to speedy & condign punishment—such reward to be paid on the Conviction of the offender or offenders, and in such proportions among the persons who may claim the same, as shall, in Case of difference, be determined on by the Committee on the fire Department.

A Petition of Thomas Van Zandt for permission to place a Cistern in front of 2 Houses in Beekman Street was read and referred to Alderman and Assistant of 2d Ward and Street Commissioner

[102] A Petition was received from Daniel Phenix Ingraham stating that he was owner of a Lot of Land in the Ninth Ward bounded in front by Harleam river and in the rear by the Centre line of the Second Avenue and the Centre line of 127th Street and praying a perpetual Lease of a Salt marsh in front of the said Ground was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance of John McDougall Lawrence and others Heirs and Devisees of John Lawrence deceased against the proposed Opening of a New Street between Walnut & Scamel St. to extend to the East river was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The Clerk laid before the Board the following return of John Woodward Clerk of the City and County of New York. of persons elected to Office at the late Charter Election which was accepted and the Clerk was directed to give Notice to the persons so chosen to attend at the Common Council Chamber on the last Monday in December next to take the Oaths prescribed by Law—It appearing by the said return that there was no choice made of an Assistant for the Fifth Ward there being an equal number of Votes for William Burtsell the present [103] Assistant of said Ward and James R Manley the subject was referred to the Law Committee to consider and Report as to the measures proper to be pursued in relation thereto.

I John Woodward Clerk of the City and County of New York, do certify that by the returns filed in my Office, it appears that at an Election held in the City and County of New York on the 1st Day of November in the year One thousand Eight hundred and Twenty four and on the two succeeding days inclusive the following persons were elected Charter Officers in the several wards of the said City, that is to say.

Henry J Wyckoff	Alderman	Of the first Ward
Thomas Bolton	Assistant	
John H Bailey, Jeromus Johnson	Assessors	
Daniel J Ebbets	Collector	
Richard S Clark, Robert Graham	Constables	
Elisha W King	Alderman	Of the Second Ward
Saml St. John	Assistant	
Jacob Drake, John Leonard	Assessors	
Henry W Peckwell	Collector	
Richard Ellis, John Wintringham	Constables	
[104] William H Ireland,	Alderman,	of the third Ward
Philip Hone	Assistant	
Nathaniel C Griffith, Isaac Graham	Assessors	
Abraham King	Collector	
Simon Van Antwerp Jr, Henry Graham	Constables	
Saml Cowdrey	Alderman	Of the Fourth Ward
John Agnew	Assistant	
Lewis Seymour, Saml Leggett	Assessors	
William Benjamin	Collector	
James G Finn, Frederick Seely	Constables	
John Webb	Alderman	of the Fifth Ward
John B Schmelzel, Leonard Warner	Assessors	
William Berrian	Collector	
Cyrus Bedell, John Insley	Constables	
Matthew Reed	Alderman	of the Sixth Ward.
Josiah Hedden	Assistant	
Cornelius McLean, Isaac J Lockwood	Assessors	
Thomas Mooney	Collector	
Thomas Parker, Caleb Crane	Constables	
[105] Asa Mann	Alderman	Of the Seventh Ward
Jamison Cox	Assistant	
James M Tuthill, Caleb Fordham	Assessors	
Morris Oakley	Collector	
Robert Phillips, Wm Rhodes	Constables	

Jacob B Taylor	Alderman	Of the Eighth Ward
Daniel E Dunscomb	Assistant	
Gilbert Coutant, Henry Howard	Assessors	
Saml Y Clark	Collector	
Cornelius Stagg, Horatio Mott	Constables	
Wm A Davis,	Alderman	Of the Ninth Ward
Effingham Schieffelin	Assistant	
John Adriance, Jeremiah Pangburn	Assessors	
Robert M Cox	Collector	
Joseph Madden, Stephen Huestis	Constables	
Gideon Ostrander	Alderman	Of the Tenth Ward
William P Rathbone	Assistant	
Isaac Halsey, Samuel Purdy	Assessors	
John Palmer	Collector	
[106] Nehemiah Ludlam, William F Stevenson	Constables	

As to Assistant for the Fifth Ward, there is no election; the Votes being equally divided; that is to say there being four hundred and forty Nine Votes for James R Manly as "Assistant Alderman" and four hundred and forty Nine Votes for William Burtsell as "Assistant Alderman"

Jn° Woodward
Clk of the City & County of New York

A Petition of David M°Creary for relief from fine incurred by incumbering the Street was read and referred to the Police Committee

The following further Report was presented by the Committee to whom had been referred the Letter from the Keeper of the Penitentiary which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Special Committee to whom was referred a communication from the Keeper of the penitentiary on the subject of erecting seperate cells in that prison, beg leave further to report

That on a more particular inspection of the manner in which the building is constructed they find it impracticable to commence the improvements by putting up only 16 Cells as recommended in their former report, it was then believed that the Beams that [107] support the upper floors extended from the front of the building resting their ends on the center walls, whereas it is found on examination they run lengthwise of the building and rest on the Stone walls dividing the wing into 4 small rooms, this will make it necessary to take out all

the floors and partition walls (the middle wall running lengthwise excepted) from the ground floor to the garret, which will afford room for 12 Cells in a tier and as it is proposed to have them five tier high will Contain 60 cells, which from the best information your Committee has been able to obtain will cost about $30 each including Locks and other fastenings, this will require an expenditure of nearly $2000 to compleat that number, notwithstanding the magnitude of the sum your Committee are induced to recommend the experiment of locking up prisoners in seperate cells be made, believing as they do that the present mode of Confining in the same room the hardened felon with those convicted for the first time of some petty theft is an evil that the Common Council are called upon to remedy, and your Committee know of no other than that now proposed they therefore beg leave to submit to the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the Keeper of the penitentiary under the direction of the Committee be [108] and hereby is directed to cause the above number of Cells to be constructed.

Henry J Wyckoff
Asa Mann
(Signed) Sam[l] Cowdrey
Jacob B Taylor
Alpheus Sherman

The Committee of Wharves Piers and Slips to whom had been referred the Letter of J Eveleth offering to sell to the Corporation a Drudge or Mud Machine reported against purchasing the same as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips on the within petition of John Eveleth proposing to sell to the Corporation his new Mud machine Report that in the Opinion of the Committee the machine already owned by the Corporation is sufficient to answer the purpose of cleansing or excavating the public Slips, and as they think it would be inexpedient to purchase an additional one with a view of deriving therefrom a revenue, they Offer the following resolution

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to purchase the Machine of M[r] Eveleth referred to in the within Petition.

George Zabriskie
[109] (Signed) Shivers Parker
William H Ireland
Asa Mann
Sam[l] Cowdrey

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the Petition of Messrs Richards and Taylor for permission to build a Sewer in Perry Street to carry off the water from their Distillery reported in favour of the same as follows, viz.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward to whom was referred the petition of Messrs Richards & Taylor owners of the Eagle Distillery at the Village of Greenwich, for permission to construct a sewer in Perry Street from their distillery to carry off the wash &c to the North river—Report that in their Opinion permission ought to be given them, inasmuch as they have been prohibited from making use of the Minetto sewer, and also as that they have no other means of disposing of the wash and waste water of their Establishment, and should they not be permitted to build a sewer through Perry St. they must of necessity abandon their present business, and incur a ruinous loss—your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

[110] Resolved, That Messrs Richards & Taylor be permitted to build a Sewer in Perry Street, from the Eagle distillery, to the Hudson river of such form and size and in such manner as shall be directed by the Canal Committee

respectfully Submitted by

(Signed) George S. Doughty
Alpheus Sherman

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of Joseph Green for permission to let a Small Building at Spring Street Basin remain in its present situation reported in favour of the same as follows, viz,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Green, for permission to let a small Building which he had inadvertently removed and placed on the space of Ground reserved for a passage or Cartway at Spring Street Basin—Report, that the ground on which the Building alluded to in the petition appears to have been reserved for a Cart way in the grant made to Lewis Lorton, until West Street should be made, that the Slip or Basin occupying the whole of West Street at that place and will not probably be required to be filled up for many years to come, and as the petitioner has so widened the Cartway [111] in front of his premises that the passage is rendered much more commodious than formerly and before the removal of his Building a few feet in advance from where it formerly stood

Your Committee are of the opinion that no possible evil can result by permitting the Building to remain in its present situation and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the building alluded to in the foregoing report be permitted to remain where it now stands

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition for paving the side walks in Crosby St. from Howard to Broome Street reported in favour of the Same as follows, Viz.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Peter Williams and others that the side walks in Crosby Street between Howard & Broome Streets may be directed to be paved, Report that in the Opinion of the Committee, the request of the petitioners should be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners [112] be granted.

Jacob B, Taylor
Signed. Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St. John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following Report on the account of the Treasurer & of the Commissioners of the Sinking fund which was directed to be filed.

The Comptroller respectfully reports, that he has received from the Tresurer, an account of Receipts and payments for Six Months to the first Instant—Also an Account of the Commissioners of the Sinking fund, for the same period; and finds them correct.

(Signed) G N Bleecker Comptroller

He also presented the following stating the amount paid into the Treasury for Alien passengers which was directed to be filed.

The Comptroller respectfully reports, that the amount paid into the Treasury, for Commutation of Alien passengers, for the quarter ending the 31[st] October last is $435.

G. N. Bleecker Comptroller

[113] The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the vacancies,

Hook & Ladder Company N° 2.

John Shaddle—Baker—N° Lispenard St.
Vice—Benjamin D Yates—Joined another Compy

Fire Engine Company N° 2.

Henry Uested—House Carpenter—Eldridge nr Grand,
Vice—Dennis Cornell—Resigned

Martin Flock—Rope Maker—363 Broome St,
Vice—John Carr—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 7

Varnum S Mills—Brush Maker—Pearl Street
Vice—Frederick Bogardus—Resigned

William Koyler—Printer—277 Pearl Street
Vice—James M Rose—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 16

Alfred L Winans—Cartman—57 Robinson St.
Vice—Edward G Billington—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 17

Phillip Loughlin—Pump & Blk. Maker—Orchard St.
Vice—Bradley S. St John—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 19

Philip Smith—Cartman—Delancy Nr Allen St.
Vice—Gordon Florentine—Left the City

Fire Engine Company N° 25

Edward Franklin—Accountant—Broome St.
Vice—Saml J Vandervoort—Resigned

[114] Fire Engine Company N° 39

Edward B Young—Cabinet Maker—Reed St.
Vice—John C. Tallman—Resigned

Abraham Frost—Grocer—N Fulton St.
Vice—George E. Richard—Resigned

Hartman Vreeland—Grocer—N Fulton St.
Vice—James Wood—Resigned

Smith Brinkerhoff—Cabinet maker—Orange St.
Vice—William W Young—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 40

William Deforrest—Butcher—113 Forsyth St.
Vice—Patrick M^cArdill—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 42

Jacob Becker—Copper Smith— 69 Mulberry St.
Vice—William D Murphy—Resigned
James Jones—Porter—9 Bayard St
Vice—John Adams—Left the City

Fire Engine Company N° 43.

Richard Crawford—Wheelwright—Manhattan Ville
Vice—William Depeyster—Resigned
Robert *Oughton* [Houghton]—Carpenter—Manhattan Ville
Vice—Epenetus Doughty—Resigned
Henry H Barrow—Manufacturer—Manhattan Ville
Vice—Arthur M^cArthur—Resigned
Ellet Cohu—Grocer—Manhattan Ville
Vice—John Cohoe—Resigned
Samuel Hays—Grocer—Manhattan Ville
Vice—Stephen Richard—Resigned
[115] Joseph Hague—Baker—Manhattan Ville
Vice—Lawrence Barrow—Resigned.

The Attorney reported that the Supreme Court had at its present session confirmed the Report made to them by the Commissioners of Estimate in the case of Greene & Wooster Streets and of One hundred & fourteenth Street.

Whereupon the Same was referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Taylor presented a resolution directing that Greene Street be paved from Bleecker to Fourth St. and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for the same, which was also referred to the Street Committee.

The Attorney made a communication on the subject of a Deed to the House of Refuge accompanied with a conveyance to them which were referred to the Finance Committee

The Attorney presented the following, viz. The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports, that the Associates of the Jersey Company having amended their Bill in the Court of Equity, in which the Corporation are, with others, made defendants, it has become necessary and proper to amend [116] the answer already filed, The amend-

ment is therefore reported to the Board, and authority is respectfully requested by the Attorney to amend the Answer accordingly

Respectfully Submitted

M, Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the amended Answer was directed to be duly authenticated.

The Attorney presented the following. viz. The Attorney herewith respectfully presents for execution a Lease of Lots N° 25 & N° 26 of the Common Lands, to William Love for 14 Years from 1st May 1825, at the rent of $170 per Annum, This Lease has been made out by the direction of the Comptroller

Respectfully Submitted

M, Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the Leases were directed to be duly executed.

The Attorney presented a Deed to George Warner Esqr for a strip or gore of Land agreeably to a Resolution of 25th October last. whereupon the said Deed was directed to be duly executed.

[117] The Street Commissioner presented for approval profiles of Pike Street and Bancker St with the proposed regulation drawn thereon—which were referred to the Street Committee

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving the side Walks in Rhynder Street from Hester to Grand St. which was passed and Benjamin Prince, Abraham Dally and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

Also for paving the side Walks in Crosby Street from Howard to Broome Street which was passed and Isaac Kip—Cary Dunn Junr and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner also presented an Assessment for repaving Chatham St from Pearl to James St. and Orange Street from Chatham towards Cross Street which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector thereof

Also an Assessment for regulating and paving Wooster Street from Canal to Broome Street which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed collector

Also an Assessment for regulating and repaving Peck Slip Street between Front and [118] Water Street which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp appointed Collector

Also Assessments for Regulating Christopher, Amos, Charles, Perry and Factory Streets which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed, viz,

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, Viz,

No 1	Harman Le Roy	Owner	47	Chamber St	A privy
2	Do	"	49	"	"
3	John Lang	"		Broadway	A Lot
4	A L Stewart	"		"	"
5	Geo. Suckley	"		"	"
6	Geo. Lovett	"		"	"
7	J McComb	"		"	"
8	S Bradhurst	"		"	"
9	Henry Remsen	"		"	"
10	E. W Laight	"		"	"
11	M Clarkson	"		"	"
12	David S Jones	"		"	"
13	G & R Waite	"		"	"
14	David S Jones	"		"	"
15	A L Norwood	"		"	"
16	[119] Ll Wells	"		"	"
17	Saml Jones	"		"	"
18	Dd S Jones	"		"	"
19	Geo Lorillard	"		"	"

Geo. Cuming
City Inspector

The Superintendant of Repairs (Jacob P Roome) reported that the Blacksmiths Shop in the public yard was in a decayed State and recommend that a new one be built—which was referred to the Committee on Repairs with authority

The Recorder presented a Resolution for paying a Salary to the Keeper of the City Hall which was referred to the Committee on public Offices.

Alderman Wyckoff presented a resolution referring to the Street Committee to report their Opinion of recommending to the proprietors of ground on east Side of Maiden Lane between Front & South Streets to advance their front line so as to range with the Street between Pearl & Front Street on condition that they recede there rear line the same distance so as to widen Fletcher Street—which was referred accordingly to the Street Committee

[120] Alderman Wyckoff presented a Resolution authorising and requiring the Street Commissioner to sell at public Auction the House of David S Bogart in William Street standing on the Lot formerly owned by him and which Lot was taken by the Commissioners for ex-

tending Garden Street and Slote Lane together with the other buildings on said Lot subject to be removed by the purchasers within ten days Which Resolution was adopted.

Alderman King presented a Resolution stating that as doubts were entertained whether the Act relative to Excise & Tavern Licenses was sufficient to restrain persons selling without License, and requesting the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to enquire and report whether any and what alterations are necessary to be made in the said Act to render it effectual in its provisions—Which being read was accordingly referred to the said Committee.

[121] The Comptroller made the following report. Viz.

Balance as pr Account 25th October	63.08
Received for Rents	4749.62
Do " Streets	3327.95
Do " Justices Courts	642.49
Do " Wells & pumps	263.13
Do " Fines &c Sheriff	142.
Do " Fines &c Attorney	23.36
Do " Mayoralty fees	95.25
Do " Commutation Alien passengers	35.
Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 23 Feby last	32300.
	$41.641.88

81 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Conklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2d "	666.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3d "	645.75
Wm Paulding Junr Mayor 1 Qr Salary 26 October	750.
Jacob Morton Clerk Common Council 1. Qr Salary 1 Inst.	362.50
John Burger regulating 4 public Clocks 1 Qr " "	50.
Obadiah Ayres Asst City Inspecr 1 Mo "	45.50
John Coffin " Do 1 " "	45.50
Astin & Higbie Messengers 1 " "	52.
Wm Schureman Keeper Pottersfield 1 " "	38.75
Charles Gilman " Battery 1 " "	31.
Andrew McCready " Park 1 " "	31.
O Jaques Street Inspector 1 Ward 1 Mo 1 Inst	31.
P Wright Do 2 " " "	31.
T. Jeroleman Do 3 " " "	31.
[*121] N B Lyon Street Inspecr 4 Ward 1 Mo 1 Inst	31.
A Ackerman " " 5 " 1 " "	31.
W Kerr " " 6 " 1 " "	31.
B Fuller " " 7 " 1 " "	31.
S. Hutchings " " 8 " 1 " "	31.
D Hubbard " " 10 " 1 " "	31.

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Abrm Martling Keeper City Hall Expences of Corporation 1 Qr 1 Inst.....	197.07
Peter A Jay Counsel fee Case of Law Intermts.....	100.
J Coffin Asst City Inspecr removing Nuisances 1 Qr 1 Inst.	40.18
J Morton for Coach hire & sundry charges paid by him....	16.12
J Pinckney Asst Board of Health 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	45.50
B. Hicks Do " " "	45.50
John J Howe Phisician Cy Prison 1 Qr 1 Ins.....	75.
L Baum Clk Washington Market 1 Mo 1 Ins.....	64.42
J Bremner " Catharine " " "	57.
P. Amerman " Six " " "	54.50
G Duryea " Fulton " " "	41.67
R Smith " Franklin " " "	38.75
Isaac Asten Sweeper Fulton " " "	38.50
Abrm Leggett Supers & Work Mud Machine 12 Days 7th Inst.....	111.58
J. Hammond Justice 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qr Saly 1 Ins.....	400.
E Morrill Do 4 6 " 1 " " "	400.
H Meigs Do 5. 8 " 1 " " "	400.
[*] H. Scovill Justice 7. 10 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst.....	400.
D M Cowdrey Clerk of Court 1. 2 3 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Instant	187.50
G Betts Clk of Court 4. 6 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Ins.	187.50
J Campbell Do 5. 8 " " " "	187.50
Wm H Smith Do 7. 10 " " " "	187.50
W Sherwood Rent for Court 1, 2, 3 " 1 Qr 1 Inst.....	37.50
Abrm Knapp do 4. 6 " " "	25.
S. Downing do 7. 10 " " "	25.
John Y Cebra & Inspectors Election 1 Ward.....	68.
Abrm Cargill & Do " 2d "	52.
J. B. Schmelzel & Do " 5 "	60.
A Surre & Do " 6 "	68.
A Dally & Do " 7 "	68.
J Aims & Do " 8 "	60.
T Morris & Do " 9 "	60.
R Clark & Do " 10 "	75.
P H Wendover Sheriff for Officers attending Courts 1 Qr 1 Inst.....	996.25
S Montgomery for Officers Serving Subpoenas 1 Qr 1 Inst.	250.87
John P. Roome Crier of Court of Sessions 1 Qr 3d Inst...	50.
P, H Wendover Sheriff for Depys Conveying persons to Penitentiary 1 Qr 1 Inst.....	23.50
P & H Van Pelt Printing 1 Qr 1 Inst.....	170.75
John Tiebout Stationary 6 Months 1 Inst.....	149.87
[123] Job Coleman 34 Casks Oil.....	1000.37
G Snethen Lighs Lamps 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	670.16
R. Provoost repairing Lamps " "	111.33
J Van Duser Work at " 1 Qr "	52.50

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Heirs of Jacobus Quick Award for Opening 5th Street from 1 to 3 Avenue	1200.	
Nichs W Stuyvesant Award for openg 5th Street from 1 to 3 Avenue	581.	
J, Culbert Acct. reg & pav Canal St from Hudson to Greenwich Street	550.	
C Coles bal. reg & pav Columbia Street from Rivington to Stanton	384.32	
M DeCamp in full for Collecting unsettled Accts. of John G. Betts	274.86	
S Fargay Acct. reg & pav Chatham Street from Tryon row to Broadway	130.	
R Pettigrew Acct. reg & pav Watts St from Canal. to Greenwich St	100.	
A H Mooney Bal reg & repav Thomas St from Hudson to Chapel	68.31	
S J. Isaacs, Prin & Int. Canal St Sewer	34.78	
Amos Corning Surveys & Maps 1 Jany to 1 Octr	671.	
A H Mooney Corporn part reg & pav Rutgers Slip	349.14	
S Fargay pav Sidewalks Corner Nassau and John Street	18.76	
[124] George Charlton bal for Well Bleecker St. near Mott Street	89.25	
H Smith Bal. flagging Walk at Battery	943.01	
Geo T Trimble Treasr Free School Society Annual payment	1500.	
A Burtis Superl Repairs Alms House	5000.	
J Fleming Treasr to pay Interest on City Stock 1 Qr 1 Inst.	18,500.	
		26.032.26
Balance		$85.88

The Board adjourned

[*] In Common Council. November 22d 1824

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Samuel Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	Wm Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thoms T Woodruff
George S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

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A Petition of William A Davis praying compensation for having been compelled by order of the Corporation to remove from his House N° 30 William Street for the purpose of Opening Garden Street and Sloat Lane was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[126] A Petition of Lewis Whitney for Office of Measurer of Grain was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Elizabeth Duryee to be relieved from a personal Tax imposed on her was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Joseph Depew for permission to place an Iron railing adjourning his house at the corner of Varick & Beach St. The railing to be placed in Beach St. was referred to the Street Committee with powers.

A Petition of John E Nexsen for Office of City Guager was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A request by Silvanus Miller in behalf of Herman Vossburgh for leave to Mortgage Lots N° 104 & part of N° 105 adjoining the Lot corner of C[h]atham & Duane St. was referred to the Finance Committee

A request of J G Swift and the other Commissioners, under the Law of April 1823 requesting that their former informal communication and the Maps therewith presented [*128] may be referred back to them was read and the request directed to be complied with

A report was received from the Chamberlain stating that one of the Incorporated Companies of the City had refused to pay the Taxes agreeably to Law which was read and referred to the Finance Committee

An Invitation of Major Gen[l] Morton to the Corporation to the Review of the Corps of Artillery on 25[th] Inst. at One Oclock in front of City Hall was read & accepted

A Letter was received from Thomas Franklin Esq[r] Chief Engineer resigning his Offices as Chief Engineer which was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition from Fire Engine C° N° 15 stating that the present situation of their Engine House is not a permanent one and praying another may be provided for them and recommending as a suitable place Lot N° 42 Pump St. was read & referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Robert M Livingston for relief from fine & Judgement [129] thereon in three several suits on Ordinances respecting

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filling in certain lots—alledging as a reason for relief that he was the only person that was ordered to fill in the Lots though all the other Lots in the vicinity were similarly situated—The same having been read was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition from the Firemen of Supply Engine Company was received stating that at the late fires their Resevoire or Well was exhausted that the water contained in their Well is discharged by their Engine in 45 Minutes—they therefore propose that another well of certain dimensions may be sunk which will give a supply for the Engine for 3 hours & 46 Minutes—the same being read was referred to the Committee, on the fire Department with authority

A Petition for a Well & pump corner of Amity Street and the 6th Avenue was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition that the side Walks in Grand Street be paved from Varrick to Sullivan St. was referred to the Street Committee

[130] A Petition of James Rider to be Licensed as a Cartman was referred to his Honor the Mayor.

A Petition for a Well and pump in B[l]eecker St. near Minetto Street was read and Resolved that the prayer be granted

A Petition of Benjamin McGinnis for further time to remove the Building N° 30 William Street required for the Opening of Garden Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward with authority

A remonstrance from Stephen Roe and others against widening Herring Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants against paving the side walks in Crosby Street the present Season, was referred to the Street Committee.

A further Memorial from Monsieur Dupius Delearue on the subject of erecting a National Monument in honor of American worthies was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

[131] The Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of Attorney and Delancy Sts. reported in favour of the Same as follows.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 10 Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of William Graham and Others for a Well & Pump near the Intersection of Delancy & Attorney Streets—Report That in their Opinion the request of the peti-

tioners ought to be granted, and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the prayer of petitioners be granted

(Signed) Reuben Munson
Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Attorney on the subject of a Deed to the House of Refuge reported in favour of executing the same

The Attorney respectfully Reports to the Board that having been applied to by C D, Colden, Esquire in behalf of the Managers of the Society for the reformation of Juvenile Delinquents in this City for a Deed or Release from the Corporation (agreeably to their [132] Resolution of the 1st of March 1824, a Copy of which is annexed hereto) of the piece of ground lying at the junction of the Bloomingdale and the old post roads, and the triangular plot of ground in front, he has prepared the necessary conveyance of the same to the said Managers, and submits the same to the Board, in order that if approved, it may be directed to be executed, The Board will obse[r]ve that by the Resolution, they have agreed to execute a conveyance for the premises when the said Managers shall have obtained their conveyance from the General Government. The Agreement for a Conveyance which the Managers have obtained, and which they consider sufficient and within the meaning of the Resolution, is herewith also presented. The managers have been put in actual possession of the premises by the General Government, and have paid them Two Thousand Dollars, and given their Bond for Four thousand, the residue of the consideration money.

In order however to avoid all difficulty as to the sufficiency of this conveyance, the Attorney has introduced a proper Condition in the Release from this Board to the said Managers, which is herewith submitted for Execution

[133] Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer.

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the Subject of the Deed to the House of Refuge, and the Attorney's report thereon, That the execution of the Deed ought to take place, agreeably to said Report, the deed being drawn up in such a manner as to carry into effect the resolution of this Board on the subject—The Committee therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Resolved, That his honor the Mayor authenticate the conveyance to the Managers of the Society for the reformation of Juvenile Delinquents.

Reuben Munson
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Whereupon the Deed was directed to be duly executed.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Hannah Murray for the purchase of a Gore of Land in Green Street reported that the offer of purchase should be first made to the Heirs of *Martin* [Marcellus] M Van Geison Deceased as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed Petition of Hannah Murray [134] for a Gore or strip of Land in Green Street near Canal Street, containing about 100 square feet—That it has been discovered, since this petition was presented, that the grant, if made, ought, according to the practice of this board, to be first offered to the heirs of Marcellus M Van Geison, who are the Owners of the fee of the adjourning land, whereas Mrs. Murray is but a lessee That the parties have therefore agreed that if the Board will sell the said Gore, the conveyance is to be made out to the said heirs—Your Committee are of the Opinion that the said Gore ought to be sold to the said heirs for the sum of Twenty five Dollars, and therefore offer for the Consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel prepare the usual Deed to the heirs of M. M Van Geisen above referred to for the said Gore of Land, for the consideration of $25 and the expences of the Deed and Maps

Reuben Munson
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[135] The Finance Committee on the Petition of Thomas H Smith for Water Grant at Brooklyn, and on the remonstrance of Comfort Sands against said Grant presented the following report, recommending the Grant to be made to Thomas H Smith.

The Finance Committee, respectfully report, on the annexed Petition of Thomas H Smith for a Water Grant at Brooklyn, and the remonstrance of Comfort Sands—That Mr Smith asks for a Grant of the land between high and low water marks, between Adams and Jay Streets at Brooklyn—and that Mr Sands objects thereto because he

says that in 1788, the Corporation agreed to grant the same to him, Your Committee have no reason, at this time, to detail the grounds upon which the board has always considered said claim of Mr Sands as without the least foundation, It is sufficient to say, that such has always been the Opinion of this Board, and that they have acted thereon in making the grants at Brooklyn, and that your Committee see no good reason for recommending a change in the course heretofore pursued by the Board on this subject—They therefore report, for the consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel prepare the usual grant to Thomas H Smith for the [136] above premises containing the usual covenants and Stipulations, and at the existing rates of quit, and the usual expences,

Reuben Munson
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Butchers who held Stalls in the late Fly Market praying compensation for loss of said Stalls by removal of the Market presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed Petition of certain Butchers formerly holding Stalls or Stands in the old Fly Market. That the petitioners pray that this Board, under the circumstances of their cases, would be pleased to treat with them, and to arrange with them as to the compensation which they ask for. It appears that in the year 1796 these butchers Stalls were sold at Auction, and purchased by the petitioners, or by those under whom they hold—These 14 Stalls sold for £3470—On the one hand, the butchers [*] claim that they were entitled to these Stalls in fee, and the Market never to be removed—On the other hand, this board has always believed that no other estate was sold than for the lives of the original purchasers, but determinable whenever the Corporation should think proper to remove the Old Market—In the year 1822, the Fly Market was pulled down, the Fulton Market then being completed. The petitioners then, or some of them, commenced suits against this corporation for damages. On the Trial of one of those suits, (that brought by David Seaman) a verdict of $600, was found for the Plaintiff; and under all the circumstances of that Case, your Committee did not deem it advisable to recommend any further defence in

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that suit, Since that Trial the petition now reported on, was presented to the board, and referred to your Committee, and they have had interviews with the petitioners and their Counsel Peter A Jay Esquire and have treated respecting an amicable settlement of the matters in question, The result is, that your Committee have concluded to recommend to the Board to allow to the Petitioners, the amount paid for the Stalls which they held at the time the Market was pulled down, together with interest from that time to the present

[138] And the petitioners have agreed to accept this compensation, together with their expences, which also your Committee have agreed should be allowed to them—Your Committee have been induced to recommend this liberal settlement towards the petitioners not only because of the verdict of the jury before referred to, but principally from the peculiar hardship of the cases of some of the petitioners, who paid very large sums of money for these Stalls to others from whom they purchased, and not long before the Market was pulled down,—It is true, that this board have not been parties to these transfers in but few instances, and in none, as your Committee believe, did they ever countenance the idea that the purchaser was to hold beyond the life of the original purchaser by auction, But these are questions that your Committee do not mean to enlarge upon, They have met the Claimants in a spirit of liberality and amity, and have concluded to recommend a compromise to the Board, as before stated, and with the express understanding on both sides, that in case this proposition should not be accepted by the board, neither this report, nor such proposition, nor any thing that has taken place in regard thereto, shall [*] be considered as prejudicing any rights on either side.

The case of Seaman being disposed of as above stated, the claims of 13 of the Stalls in question alone remain—and the annexed statement shews the numbers of the Stalls sold at Auction, which the petitioners either bought then, or purchased since; it also shews the names of the petitioners; the amount paid for each Stall; the amount of Interest on each Sum, the total amount of each claim and (adding the expences agreed to be allowed as before stated) it makes a total sum of $10.272 $^{46}/_{100}$.

Your Committee therefore offer for the Consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved, That in case all the petitioners shall on or before the next meeting of this board, make and execute a proper release or releases in the premises, which shall be considered sufficient by the

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Finance Committee (who may require security in any instances that they may think proper.) the Comptroller shall report a Warrant in favour of Peter A Jay Esquire for the total sum above named; and which shall be delivered to Mr Jay, on his delivering to the Comptroller the said releases [140] and his receipt for the amount

Reuben Munson
Signed Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of Daniel P Ingraham for a grant of a piece of Marsh opposite his ground reported in favour of the same which was read and after some discussion was referred back to the Finance Committee.

The Market Committee on the petition of the Fishermen of Washington Market praying a wooden floor may be put down in place of the present one which is of Brick reported against the Petition as follows.

The Market Committee, to whom was referred, the petition of the Fishermen of Washington Market representing that the floor is composed of Brick and that in Wet or Stormey weather it is extremely disagreeable and unhealthy, which might be remedied by putting down a wooden one.

Report, that the Brick floor of that Market was put down at very considerable expence and that other [141] Markets have since been erected the floors of which have been laid of the same materials and no complaint from any others have been made; it is not deemed necessary therefore to go to the great expence, of removing those floors to replace them with wood—Your Committee are of the opinion that the evil complained of, by the fishermen might be remedied by their making movable platforms of the size of their fish stands to be placed under their feet and without any inconvenience to the Market.

The following Resolution is proposed.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Respectfully presented
Shivers Parker
Philip Hone
(Signed) William H Ireland
Thomas Bolton
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee also presented a Law entitled a Law to regulate Weighing in Fulton Market which was passed under that Title—and was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

[142] The Market Committee on the petition of sundry persons for the Office of Weigher in the Fulton Market presented the following Report recommending William Ostrander to said Office.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petitions of Wm Ostrander, Thomas Place, John Langdon, Henry W Thorne and John Morris for the appointment of Weigh Master in the Fulton Market.

Report, that the applicants are all well recommended, and your Committee have been almost unable to select from amongst them, they have presented all the names to the Board and believe no one better qualified than William Ostrander who they beg leave to Offer for the appointment.

Respectfully submitted

Shivers Parker
Philip Hone
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Thos Bolton
Thos T Woodruff

Which was approved and it was thereupon Resolved, That William Ostrander be and he is hereby appointed to the Office of Weigh Master in Fulton Market.

[143] The Canal Committee to whom was referred the subject of cleansing the Public Sewers reported as follows.

The Canal Committee to whom was referred a Resolution inquiring into the expediency of causing the common Sewers to be cleansed at particular periods, and the manner of cleansing them; Report that in their opinion the principal sewers should be cleansed once in every year, between the first of November and the first of January, and that the Cess-pools, in the Culverts be cleansed once in every month, and that the prisoners of the Penitentiary be employed for that purpose, for which the following Resolution is offered.

Resolved, That, the Keeper of the Penitentiary furnish a suitable number of Convicts and a keeper, for cleansing the Common sewers whenever in the opinion of the Street Commissioner they may require it, and that the main Sewers be cleansed at least once in every

year and that the Cess-pools in the principal Culverts once in every month.

Thomas T Woodruff
T. Seymour
(Signed) Sam[l] Cowdrey
Shivers Parker
Jacob B Taylor

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

[144] The Committee on Lands and Places to whom was referred the Lease of Castle Clinton, the Petition of the proposed Lessees and a Remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants against the Lease presented the following Report

The Committee on Lands and Places, to whom the Lease of Castle Clinton was referred, together with a petition of the Lessees, and a remonstrance of certain Inhabitants of the first Ward, respecting the same, respectfully report, that they have amended the Lease, so as to meet the wishes of the Lessees, and at the same time preserve the rights of the Board, and they have also agreed to accept a Bond from the Lessees binding themselves to abide the reasonable orders and directions of the Mayor of the City in all things touching the management of the premises leased to them by the Corporation. This will obviate all reasonable objections as to the establishment in question— The Lease, as agreed to, is herewith submitted to the Board, and the Bond is to be made and executed before the Lease is to be delivered— Your Committee therefore offer for the Consideration of the Board the following [145] resolution

Resolved, That the amended Lease be engrossed and executed by his Honor the Mayor, and delivered to the Lessees upon their executing the counterpart thereof; and a Bond in the penalty of $2000 ,and conditioned as aforesaid, and also not to suffer the premises to be used as a Ball room or for dancing without the Mayors permission; and that they will not suffer gaming of any kind to take place on the premises, or any Billiard or other gaming table to be kept there

Sam[l] St John
Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Jacob B Taylor
William Burtsell
Elisha W King

Whereupon the same was approved and the Lease was directed to be duly executed.

The Committee on Streets to whom had been referred the Resolution respecting paving the Public Streets of the City and the Law thereon, reported by the Attorney presented the following Report.

The Street Committee respectfully report [146] that they have examined the Law respecting the paving of the public Streets in the City of New York, as made out by the Attorney. Your Committee have amended and corrected the same to the Board, and respectfully recommend its passage.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Samuel St John
Philip Hone

Whereupon the Law was passed under the Title of a Law respecting the paving of the Public Streets in the City of New York and was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board

The Street Committee on the report of the Attorney respecting opening Green Wooster and 114 Streets. reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the report of the Counsel to this Board on the subject of opening Greene, Wooster and One Hundred and fourteenth Streets Report their opinion in the following resolutions.

Resolved, that the opening of Greene Street and Wooster Street from [147] Bleecker Street to Fourth Street, be postponed until the first day of December next

Resolved. That the opening of the One Hundred & fourteenth Street from the Third Avenue to Haerlem River, be postponed until, and shall take place on the first day of April next.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Samuel St. John
Reuben Munson

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for regulating Greene St. reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution for regulating Greene Street from Bleecker Street to Fourth

Street Report, that in their Opinion, it is expedient that such regulation should be made and in order that the same may be carried into effect, they submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That Greene Street be filled up and regulated from Bleecker Street to Fourth Street, and that an Ordinance [148] be passed accordingly

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam St. John.

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of opening a Street from Grand St to the East river presented a Report which after some discussion was laid for further consideration—and the Street Commissioner was directed to advertise the same, as also the proposed opening a Street from Grand to Sheriff Street.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Profiles presented by the Street Commissioner for the regulation of Pike & Bancker Streets reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of fixing a regulation on the Profiles of Pike and Bancker Streets, presented by the Street Commissioner Report, that they have examined the same, and drawn the line of regulation thereon, the which in their Opinion ought to be adopted, and accordingly they [149] present the following resolution

Resolved, that the regulation of Pike and Bancker Streets be in conformity with the lines drawn thereon, and which are herewith presented

Jacob B Taylor
Reuben Munson
(Signed) Asa Mann
Sam[l] St. John
Philip Hone

Whereupon the Resolution was adopted and the Profiles approved.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred the Petition to have an Engine House placed near Essex Market and also the Petition of Engine Companies N° 30 and N° 37 presented a Report which was referred to the Market and Finance Committee.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred several Petitions for the removal of the Fire Engine House from the vicinity of Market Slip reported as follows.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred several petitions from the Owners of property and other Inhabitants [150] residing in the vicinity of Market Slip stating that they are much inconvenienced by the Engine House standing in said Slip, owing to the great quantity of filth and offencive matter continually collecting about that building and praying to have the same removed—Report that they have for a length of time seen the necessity of having Engine N° 22 stationed at Market Slip removed, but being unable to find a suitable place without incurring too great an expence has prevented your Committee from before reporting on the subject, but, as it has now become necessary to find a place for Engine N° 15 at present placed on the ground of Samuel Stilwell at an annual rent of $40 who has requested to have it removed, as he wishes to improve his property—has induced your Committee to recommend the purchase of a piece of Ground selected by them situate on Ludlow Street which can be had at $850 the size 25 feet front and 87½ feet deep, and to cause a suitable building to be erected thereon for the accommodation of the above Machines, Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolutions

[151] Resolved, That the Finance Committee purchase the above Lot or some other in that vicinity at a price not exceeding $850.

Resolved, That the Superintendant of repairs under the direction of the Committee on the fire department cause the necessary building to be erected on such Lot as may be purchased for that purpose

Signed, Henry J Wyckoff
Stephen Conover
Jameson Cox

Which was approved & the resolutions adopted

The Committee on Applications for Office on the petition of James Rikeman for Office of City Guager reported in his favour as follows

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the petition of James Rikeman for the Office of City Guager beg leave to report that, feeling disposed to grant it they offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that James Rikeman be and is hereby appointed City Guager.

(Signed) T Seymour,
Geo. S. Doughty
Jameson Cox

Which was approved and it was Resolved [152] that James Rikeman be and he is hereby appointed a City Guager.

His Honor the Mayor presented a Report from the Board of Supervisors on the Subject of the account of the Assessors of the several Wards of the City for their services and also on subject of their future compensation which was read and after some discussion referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred the subject of the late Charter Election for Assistant in the 5th Ward whereon there was an equality of votes between William Burtsell the present Assistant of said Ward and James R. Manly presented the following Report expressing their opinion that the present Assistant should hold over until the next annual Election.

The Law Committee to whom was referred the resolution on the subject of the late Charter Election in the 5th Ward in relation to the Assistant Alderman report—That James R Manly and William Burtsell the present assistant were the Candidates voted for at said [153] election for Assistant Alderman, and each having an equal number of votes there was no choice—On examining the Charter of the City and the Statue Law relative to the subject, it appears that the Board have the power of ordering elections only in four cases, as follows, Viz—Where a Member refuses to serve—Dies—removes out of the City and County—or is legally disqualified and in either of these cases the office is declared to be vacant, and an election is ordered to fill such vacancy.

But in a case like the present where the candidates have an equal number of Votes, no provision is made for another election, as the Office is not considered vacant; the Charter declaring in express words that the members duly elected "shall continue in the respective Offices from the time of their being sworn until other fit persons be elected and sworn in their respective places." Hence it appears satisfactorily to your Committee that there is no power in the Board to order a new election but that the present Assistant Alderman for the 5th Ward is not only authorized but bound to serve in his Office for the ensuing year and until the next annual election—The words of the charter are imperative.

[154] This position of the Committee is in conformity with the precedents and practice of former Boards—The following cases referred to, as appearing upon our minutes, present two singular instances, directly applicable to the present case, and arising in the same ward.

In Common Council Tuesday 3d October 1797 present James Kent Esquire Recorder, Daniel Hitchcock a candidate for the Office of As-

sistant of the late election in the 5th Ward for Charter Officers, challenged the seat of Philip J Arcularius returned duly elected to said Office, on the ground that illegal votes had been given for him at such election which if deducted from his number would leave a majority of legal Votes for the petitioner Whereupon the Board proceeded to scrutiny and after deducting the illegal votes which appeared on both sides, it left each candidate with an equal number—The Mayor therefore proceeded to swear the Members, except Mr Arcularius who was adjudged to continue in his office and hold over until the next annual election—Mr Arcularius was a member at the time of the election

The following extract from the minutes will shew the result of the then [155] next annual election in the same ward between the same candidates.

In Common Council October 2d 1798 R. Varick Mayor present and Richard Harison Recorder From the poll list of the 5th Ward it appeared that Philip J Arcularius and Daniel Hitchcock, as candidates for the Office of Assistant Alderman, each had an equal number of Votes—Whereupon the Board determined that there being no election for said Office, Mr Arcularius continue in the office and hold over for the next ensuing Year.

Under these circumstances your Committee recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, that William Burtsell the present Assistant Alderman for the 5th Ward hold over and continue in said Office, until some fit person be elected and sworn in his stead, at the next annual election for Charter Officer in the City

(Signed) Alpheus Sherman
Elisha W. King
Thomas Bolton.

Whereupon the Resolution proposed was adopted—and the same was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board

[156] The Committee on Public Offices on the Petition of Abraham B Martling Keeper of the Hall in relation to a compensation for his services presented the following report

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the petition of Abraham B Martling praying that a suitable salary be allowed to him as Keeper of the City Hall Respectfully Report

That heretofore the Office of Crier of the several Courts of Law has been held by the Keeper of the Hall the emoluments of which with a Salary of Four Hundred Dollars afforded an adequate compensation

to the Incumbent But as the Office of Crier is now enjoyed by another individual it becomes the duty of the Common Council to provide a suitable compensation for the Keeper. In Estimating that compensation your Committee have taken into consideration that his station is one of no small responsibility and from the natures of his duties it is indispensable that he should have a family, and domestics whose services are in a great degree devoted to the Public—With these impressions your Committee are of Opinion that the present Keeper ought to receive an annual Salary of Eight Hundred Dollars to be computed from the time [157] he entered upon the duties of his Office, and for that purpose your Committee submit for the consideration of the Common Council the following resolution.

Resolved, that Abraham B Martling Keeper of the City Hall be allowed a Salary of Eight hundred Dollars per Annum, to be paid Quarterly and to be computed from the time he entered upon the duties of that station

All which is respectfully submitted

E W King
Sam[l] St. John
Signed, S Cowdrey
Jacob B Taylor
Jameson Cox

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Petition of the several Street Inspectors reported as follows.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the petition of the several Street Inspectors praying an additional compensation for services performed under the direction of his Honor the Mayor, in relation to unlicensed venders of spirituous liquors, Report that inasmuch as the services mentioned in the petition were not contemplated at the time the Salary of the petitioners was settled, it is but fair in the Opinion of your Committee that some [158] addition should be made to their Compensation Instead of making to them an allowance in gross for their past services, your Committee recommend that those services be continued and that they be allowed 12½ Cents per day in addition to their present compensation for which purpose your Committee offer the subjoined Resolution

Resolved, That as a compensation for the extra services performed and to be performed by the several Street Inspectors under the direction of his Honor the Mayor and in pursuance of a former resolution

of this Board they be allowed the sum of 12½ Cents per day to be computed from the time such extra services commenced.

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) E W King
Sam[l] St John
Sam[l] Cowdrey
Jacob B Taylor
Jameson Cox

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

Alderman Mann presented a Draught of a Law entitled a Law to amend a Law to regulate the lying of Vessels in the Slips and to regulate the rates of Wharfage which was passed—Alderman [159] Taylor gave notice that he would move for a reconsideration at the next meeting.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 2.

Charles A Whittingham Carpenter 69 Essex St.
Vice Daniel Wright Resigned

Samuel L Lord House Carpenter Prince & Mott St
Vice Philip H Brunsen Expelled.

Fire Engine Company N° 5

Peter Van Keuran Druggist 17 White St.
Vice Peter Guion Time Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 12.

John L Banker Carpenter 187 Mulberry St.
Vice—Esick Wardell Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 13

Alfred Willis Clerk 22 Cherry St
Vice Joseph A Lawrence App[d] Fire Warden

Fire Engine Company N° 22

Thomas Fargo Ship Carpenter 209 Banker St
Vice Andrew Bell Resigned

George Mariner Grocer 141 Lumbardy St
Vice Moses Hemmenway Resigned

[160] Fire Engine Company N° 23

Charles M Holmes, Silversmith 99 Church St.
Vice William Jones Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 26

Richard Blanchard, Shipwright 351 Cherry St.
Vice Samuel Miller Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 30

Daniel M^cEvers Shoe Maker 72 Norfolk St.
Vice John Chandler time Expired

William Peffers Laborer 11 Ludlow St.
Vice William Forshay time Expired

John Romaine Shoe Maker 97 Chrystie St.
Vice Andrew H Eddey Resigned

George Loft Rope Maker Delancy n^r Lewis
Vice John Leech Deceased

Fire Engine Company N° 34

Abraham G Depew Black Smith Vandam St.
Vice, Luke Concklin Resigned

Thomas Bloomer Mason South hampton road
Vice Samuel Woodward Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 36

William J Clap Umbrella Maker 236 Spring St
Vice Daniel Martling Time Expired

Moses Beadle Chandellar Greenwich St
Vice Aaron Remsen. left the City

[161] John Berdan Carpenter Charlton St.
Vice Ichabod Smith Left the City

Albert Berdan Carpenter Broome St.
Vice Cornelius Vanderbilt Left the City

Jacob Benson Carpenter 35 Vandam St.
Vice Jonathan Fox Left the City.

Fire Engine Company N° 37.

John Welsh Tallow Chandler 38 Elizabeth St
Vice Collin Campbell Resigned

Fire Hook & Ladder Company N° 1

Horatio Walker Clerk 251 William St.
Vice Jesse M^cLaughlin Left the City

Fire Warden 4th Ward

Corn[s] Agnew Merchant 313 Water St.

Vice Jo[s] N Lord Time Expired

Fire Warden 7th Ward

James M Tuthill Grocer 20 Pike St.

Vice John Buckmaster Resigned.

The Attorney presented the following Report of a Lease to Isaac J Lockwood

The Attorney herewith respectfully reports for execution a Lease of all that certain lot of ground on the westerly side of Orange Street [162] between Pump and Hester Streets, designated on the Map of the property to be assessed for the expense of Collect Street Sewer as N° 95, and on the map of Bayards east farm as N° 612, which was sold pursuant to the Statue in such case made and provided, for non-payment of the Assessment for building a Sewer in Collect Street on the 18th Decem[r] 1821, to Isaac J Lockwood for Ten Years from the 18th December 1823. for the Sum of $20 $\frac{5}{100}$, and which has not been redeemed. The Lease has been made out by directions from the Assistant Street Commissioner

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Lease was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for Opening 5th St[t] Whereupon a Warrant was directed to issue to Morris De Camp to collect the same.

He also presented a return of Delinquents of the following Assessment.

The Street Commissioner herewith covers Returns of Delinquents on Six several assessments in Order that Warrants may be issued to Noah Jarvis the [163] Collector thereof

respectfully submitted

R Graves

St. Comm[r]

Assessments for

Paving Watts St. from Greenwich to Canal St.

Side Walks in Prince St from Br[d] Way to Bowery

Paving Canal St. from Hudson to Greenwich St.

Drain in Jacob & Ferry Streets

Mott Street Opening to Bleecker St.

Well & Pump in Rynder Street.

Whereupon a Warrant was directed to Issue to Noah Jarvis to collect the same.

He also presented an Assessment for paving Essex Street from Rivington to Stanton St which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

He also presented an Assessment for paving Columbia Street from Grand to Rivington St. which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

Also an Assessment for Well & Pump in Suffolk Street near Delancy St. which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

[164] The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed Viz. For filling up & pitching Greene St from Bleecker St to 4th St and John Salisbury Cary Dunn Junr & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors.

Also for a Well and pump in Bleecker Street near Minetto Street and Cary Dunn Junr Francis Peckwell and Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors

Also for a Well & pump in Attorney St. near Delancy St. and Abraham Dally Benjamin Prince & John Targee were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Samuel Ackerly presented the following Report.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the communication of Samuel Ackerly to this Common Council—Stating that, by the injudicious management of the Street Commissioner he had been compeled to pave the Side Walks in front of his three lots in Cherry Street the second time, within a few weeks" in reply to which begs leave to submit the following statement of facts—Some time in the months of April or May [165] last, Doctr Ackerly in compliance with notices which had been repeatedly served on him (some of them the year previous) did repair his walks as stated by him—subsequently and on the 19th day of July last. an Ordinance passed the Common Council directing Cherry Street to be repaved and the side walks laid between Pelham Street and Rutgers Slip—in performing which it became Necessary to widen the Side Walks and reset the Curbstones, some of which were too high, and others too low for the regulation of the Street—in front of Doctor Ackerly's Lots the Curb was lowered from four to Six inches—which rendered the Walk now that the Curb was lowered, much too high. and he was under the necessity of relaying them, at an expence of about $15—which sum he asks of the Corpora-

tion as an indemnity for what he calls the injudicious management of the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner is not aware, that he has in this instance transcended his duty, or managed the regulation of that Street injudiciously, he, however respectfully submits the subject to the consideration of the Common Council, and in their decision will cheerfully *acquire* [acquiesce]

[166] (Signed) R Graves
St. Commr

Whereupon the same was accepted, and directed to be filed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances—Viz.

No					
	1	T. Reynolds	Owner	101 Anthony St	A privy
	2	W Ogilvie	Do	102 Do	"
	3	D Haggerty	Do	105 Do	"
	4	Jennings & Cox	Do	113 Do	"
	5	D Williams	Do	115 Do	"
	6	T Costello	Do	120 Do	"
	7	J West	Do	121 Do	"
	8	H. Fisher	Do	122 Do	"
	9	J Healey	Do	129 Do	"
	10	J Hutson	Do	131 Do	"
	11	A Gilloon	Do	139 Do	"
	12	Pat Wade	Do	11 Augustus St	"
	13	J Dorsey	Do	17 Do	"
	14	G Janeway	Do	36 Do	"
	15	Wm Pannen	Do	39 Do	"
	16	Ths Wymbs	Do	41 Do	"
	17	Ths McGuire	Do	55 Do	"
	18	G B Abeel	Do	57 Do	"
	19	Js Copeland	Do	3 Cross St.	"
	20	[167] C. Crolius	Do	6 Do	"
	21	Widow Brannan	Do	26 Do	do
	22	P Morris	Do	30 Do	do
	23	Mrs Ellis	Do	31 Do	do
	24	Do	Do	33 Do	do
	25	Widow Thompson	Do	69 Do	do
	26	Do	Do	71 Do	do
	27	Do	Do	73 Do	do
	28	B Deforest	Do	84 Do	do
	29	R Walker	Do	6 Collect St.	do
	30	G Ludlow	Do	21 Do	do
	31	M Concklin	Do	29 Do	do

32	G Lorillard	Owner	55	Collect St.	A privy
33	Do	Do	57	Do	do
34	J Laughlin	Do	46	Duane St	do
35	Do	Do	43	Do	do
36	Js Waters	Do	48	Do	do
37	[Widow] Beekman	Do	88	Do	do
38	Jno E West	Do	86	Do	do
39	Josh Manning	Do	100	Do	do
40	E Ward	Do	8	Elm St	do
41	J Sparks	Do	18	Do	do
42	F B Lynch	Do	27	Do	do
43	Do	Do	27½	Do	do
44	C Hedges	Do	29	Do	do
45	W Colgate	Do	41	Do	do
46	J Wymbs	Do	58	Do	do
47	J Gilmartin	Do	98	Leonard St.	do
48	E Clark	Do	100	Do	do
49	[168] R Stoddart	Do	106	Do	do
50	Do	Do	120	Do	do
51	G Lorillard	Do	136	Do	do
52	Do	Do	138	Do	do
53	Do	Do	140	Do	do
54	R Stoddart	Do	142	Do	do
55	D McLaren	Do	145½	Do	do
56	G Lorillard	Do	148	Do	do
57	S Parks	Do	151	Do	do
58	Wm C French	Do	152	Do	do
59	Jno D Ditmis	Do	156	Do	do
60	B Wade	Do	11	Orange St	do
61	F L Vultee	Do	13	Do	do
62	Jno Parks	Do	15	Do	do
63	Mrs McMehan	Do	19&21	Do	do
64	C McIvers	Do	41	Do	do
65	J Alexander	Do	44	Do	do
66	Wm C French	Do	54	Do	do
67	Do	Do	56	Do	do
68	Edwd Patterson	Do	58	Do	do
69	Jno Waters	Do	60	Do	do
70	F. O Neil	Do	64	Do	do
71	J Duffie	Do	66	Do	do
72	D Deshay	Do	72	Do	do
73	M Brown	Do	79	Do	do
74	E [R] Remer	Do	98	Do	do
75	M Quackenbos	do	144	Do	do
76	Mary Mason	Do	154	Do	do
77.	J Thompson	Do	156	Do	do
78	[169] Mott & Weeks	Do	511	Pearl St.	Do
79	Henry Brooks	Do	513	Do	Do
80	Js Ackerman	Do	524	Do	Do

81	Js Brooks	Owner	526	Pearl St.	A privy
82	J Whitehead	Do	530	Do	Do
83	Do	Do	534	Do	Do
84	J Bull	Do	535	Do	Do
85	S McCauley	Do	550	Do	Do
86	J Williams	Do	551	Do	Do
87	F Mabie	Do	552	Do	Do
88	S Parker	Do	554	Do	Do
89	Mrs Derrickson	Do	558	Do	Do
90	D Ensley	Do	559	Do	Do
91	Mrs Ackerman	Do	560	Do	Do
92	Wm Bush	Do	28	Reed St	Do
93	Jas Anderson	Do	8	Republican Alley	Do
94	David Cudlipp	Do		Mulberry St	[A Lot]
95	W R Gracie	Do	54	Lispenard St	Do
96	Jno Coit	Do	66	Fulton St	Do
97	J [T] Longworth	Do		Wooster St.	Do

Geo. Cuming
City Inspector

The Market Committee presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved, That the Comptroller prepare a Warrant by the next meeting of the Board in favour of Leonard Baum, Clerk of Washington Market, for Twelve dollars & 48 Cents being the [170] amount of a Judgement and Cost recovered against him in enforcing the market Laws.

An Invitation from Messrs Rathbone & Fitch Lessees of Castle Garden to the Members of the Corporation to dine with them on the 25th Inst. was presented and Resolved that the same be accepted.

Alderman Zabriskie presented a Resolution respecting fixing a Bell in the Cupola of Spring Street Market which was referred to the Market Committee.

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following which was adopted

Resolved, That the Comptroller be directed to report a Warrant for $22.95/100 in favour of Arthur Burtis being for monies expended by him on the Fire Department.

He also presented a Resolution to purchase 2 Lots of Ground near Essex Market for Engine House which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Public Offices on subject of allowing a Compensa- [171] tion for Clerk Hire was called up and read in the words following.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom it was referred to con-

sider and report what increase of salary ought to be allowed to the Clerk of the Common Council—Respectfully Report

That the Clerk of the Common Council has for many years acted as Secretary to the Board of Health, his income arising from those offices amounts at present to $1450 exclusive of some inconsiderable perquisites arising from the use of the corporate seal applied to what are denominated profitable Commissions; The duties of this Officer have increased in the same ratio as the labours of the Common Council and have for some time past become so multifarious and numerous as to require the aid of An Assistant, who has hitherto been furnished at the private expence of that Officer. In all the plans for regulating the fees of the different Officers under the jurisdiction of the Common Council they have with this exception been allowed a specific Salary without any perquisites and your Committee cannot perceive any necessity for a departure from that wholesome rule in this instance—But as they are fully convinced that the labours of that department cannot be discharged by one individual they respectfully recommend that the Salary of that Officer [172] be increased to $2000 per Annum, which shall include his services *his services* as Secretary to the Board of Health, the charges for indexing the minutes, and all other claims connected with either office—and to enable him to employ a competent Assistant—With a view to bring this subject more distinctly before the Common Council, your Committee with great respect submit for your consideration the following resolution

Resolved, That the Salary of the Clerk of the Common Council shall be at the rate of $2,000 per annum to be paid Quarterly Yearly, and to be computed from the 1st day of February last, which shall likewise include his compensation as Secretary to the board of Health; charges for indexing the minutes and all other services, And that all fees and perquisites of every description appertaining to that office shall be received by the said Clerk and paid into the City Treasury.

All which is respectfully Submitted

E W King
J B Taylor
Jameson Cox
Saml St John

Whereupon the same was adopted.

[173] The Report of the Committee on public Offices presented on the 24th May last in relation to Applications for Office was called

up and after some discussion referred back to the Committee on public Offices

Alderman King presented a Resolution respecting the removal of a House near Edens Alley which was in a decayed state and dangerous to the Inhabitants—Which was referred to the Law Committee.

Mr Cowdrey presented a Resolution for allowing an account of the Inspectors of Election of 4th Ward amounting to $20. being for hire of a room for the Poll—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Alderman Taylor a Committee was appointed to prepare refreshments for the Officers of the Corps of Artillery who are on duty on the 25th Inst. Committee appointed were Alderman Taylor Wyckoff King

The Board adjourned.

[174] The Comptroller made the following Report.

Balance as per Acct. 8th Inst	85.88	
Recd for Tax of 1824 1 & 3 Wards	23.000.	
Do " Streets	16.053.85	
Do " Rents	5.252.22	
Do " Police Office	1.205.10	
Do " Tavern & Excise Licenses	270.	
Do " City prison fees	214.50	
Do " Wells & Pumps	190.59	
Do " Commutation Alien passengers	125.	
Do " Mayoralty fees	60.50	
		46.457.64

45 Accounts Audited

Leek & Conklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark Do 2 Do	666.75
Bleakley & Brower Do 3 Do	645.75
G N Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qr 15 Inst	400.
J P Roome Supert Repairs 1 Qr 14 Do	250.
T J Waters Clerk Comptrolrs Office 1 Qr 24 Inst	200.
Joseph Leonard for lists passengers 6 Mo. 1 Inst	50.
J. Morton, Coach hire & Expences pd by him	12.50
Abrm Leggett Superg & Work mud machine 21 Inst	144.75
Wm A Seely & Inspectors Election 3d Ward	60.
Eldad Holmes & Do Do 4 Do	75.
J Sidell to pay Officers attending Election	256.
J Sidell to pay Marshals for Sunday Service 20 Febry to 1 Novemr	510.
[175] Jas Hopson Sp Justice 1 Qr Salary 12 Inst	400.
Henry Abell Do Do Do	400.
Smith Ovutt Do Do Do	400.
S. L'Hommedieu Clerk police Do Do	312.50
R Stephens Assist Do Do Do Do	250.

H Maxwell Dist Attorney 1 Qr Salary 12 Ins.	625.	
R Hatfield Clerk of Sessions 1 Qr Do "	375.	
R Hatfield Do Do to pay Witns 1 Qr Do "	35.	
P A Jay Counsel for David Seaman, Damages & Costs for Stall at Fly Market	737.22	
H Tallman Coroners fees 1 Qr 1 Inst	392.44	
Haydock & Jenkins 17 Casks Oil	1104.48	
James Bleecker Auction fees on 93 Lots sold for Arrears of Taxes 10 Nov	186.	
Office of American Advertising for Collector of Arrears of Tax	90.	
A H Mooney Acct. reg & pav Rutger's Slip and part of Cherry Street	1040.	
S Fargay Acct. reg & repav Chatham St from Tryon Row to Broadway	300.	
Owen Smith Acct. reg & pav Eldridge St from Stanton to North St	270.	
H. Smith repairs Jacob & Ferry Streets over the Sewers	129.12	
G Tucker repairs Sewer Jacob & Ferry Sts	118.25	
M Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court Charges Openg 114 St from 3 Avenue to East river	157.06	
[176] J Kip & Associates Commisrs fees & Expences Openg 114 St from 3d Avenue to East river	181.98	
M Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court Charges Openg Greene & Wooster Sts fr Bleecker to 4th St	280.63	
Thos R Smith & Associates Commisrs fees & Expences Openg Greene & Wooster Sts. fr Bleecker to 4th St	258.45	
J McComb repairing Intersections 1 Ward	186.69	
H Smith Do Do 1. 2. 7 Wards	44.25	
Geo. Charlton 1 paymt Well Norfolk near Rivington St	60.75	
R, Ayres for Gravel & Work at Battery	176.39	
R Graves St Commr for Repairs Roads	400.	
J. P Roome Super Repairs for repairs	387.	
J P Roome Do Do " Markets	250.	
J P Roome Do Do " Fire Departt	200.	
J. P Roome Do Do " pump Do	100.	
Mechanics Bank Bond 11 Novr $32.300 & Interest $64.60	32.364.60	34890.74
Balance		$160.33

The Board adjourned.

[177] In Common Council Decem^{r} 6th 1824

Present The Hon^{ble} W^{m} Paulding Jun^{r} Mayor President
Rich^{d} Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Sam^{l} St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Sam^{l} Cowdrey
Geo. Zabriskie	William Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thom^{s} T Woodruff
Reuben Munson.	Alpheus Sherman
	Gideon Ostrander

Upon reading the Minutes M^{r} Cowdrey moved that the entry of the Invitation of Mess^{rs} Rathbone & Fitch to dine at Castle Garden be recinded which was agreed to—this was on motion of M^{r} Hone reconsidered and upon reconsideration the motion of M^{r} Cowdrey was lost and the entry on the minutes was retained

A Petition of Jn^{o} R Murray as Agent of Hannah Murray on subject of Title to a Gore of Land corner of Canal St was ref^{d} to the finance Comm^{ee}

[178] A Petition of Francis Spicer stating that through a mistake the License for Stall N^{o} 29 Washington Market has been issued to his son Jesse T Spicer and praying the License may be issued to him was refered to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Francis Barretto Jun^{r} for relief from a personal Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Memorial of Gaspard Richard stating that he has invented a mode of raising water (and requesting the Corporation to examine the same) by a new power was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

A Petition of Robert T Clark for Office of Measurer of Grain was presented and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition that the side walks in Stanton Street may be regulated from the Bowery to Eldridge St. was referred to the Street Committee.

[179] A petition for a Well and pump at the Corner of Chrystie & North St. was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A petition of Peter Smith praying that the former regulation of Pitt Street may be adopted was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Alexander Anthony for Stall N° 13 Catharine Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A petition of James Boyle for extension of time to pay an assessment on Lot in Mott Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Ezra Weeks to be permitted to construct a Well in M^cDougal St near Prince St. and when finished that it may be received as a Public Well was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8^th Ward and Street Commissioner with powers.

A petition of John Ireland, Sam^l Lawrence and Henry Gahn to be permitted to remove the earth from that part of Hudson Street [180] which runs through their property to the depth of the permanent level of said Street as established by regulations, was referred to the Street Committee.

A request of the representatives of James Arden for permission to build a Bridge over or to fill up at their discretion the Slip in front of the Stores lately belonging to James Arden in Washington near Rector Street was referred to the Committee on Wharves, piers & Slips

A petition of James M^cMurray for compensation for Indexing Maps in the Register's Office of this City was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Communication was received from Peter H Wendover in behalf of the Commissioners of the School money stating that sundry accounts of printers, for printing performed for them were due but which they had no authority by Law to pay and requesting the Corporation to pay the same, and to provide for similar expences in future, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[181] A Memorial of John Vanderlyn Lessee of the Rotunda praying an extension of the Lease of the same and a Memorial from John Ferguson and others subscribers to the erection of that building requesting the Lease may be extended to M^r Vanderlyn was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A request of the Philharmonic Society to be permitted to erect an awning in front of the City Hotel on the 15^th Inst intending to give a Musical exhibition on the 16^th was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the first Ward with Authority

A request of Col. Manly to be permitted to parade the 2^nd Regiment of Artillery under his Command in the Park on the 8^th Inst.

was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places with authority.

An Invitation to attend at the opening of the Atheneum on Monday the 13th at One Oclock when an Address will be delivered by Henry Wheaton Esqr was presented and accepted.

[182] A Letter was received from John Lang President of the Mechanics Society enclosing a Copy of the following Resolutions passed by said Society

At a regular meeting of the General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen of the City of New York, on Wednesday evening the first of December 1824 on motion it was

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this Society be presented to the Hon. Corporation of the City of New York for their generous relinquishment of five Years, of the Ground rent on which their Institution is erected, as a contribution, in aid of the funds for the purchase of Books for the use of the Library belonging to the Society.

On motion it was also resolved, that the President of the Society be authorised to make the same known to the Honorable the Corporation at their next regular meeting

John Lang President of M. S.

Whereupon the same was directed to be filed

An Account of John Woodward Clerk of the City and County for certain fees of Office and expenditures by him amounting to $241^{7}/_{100}$ was presented and [183] referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Ithamar Osborn offering to purchase the Lease of the Lot & tenements known as N° 16 & 16½ Chatham Street was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of the Street Inspectors complaining of the negligence and inattention of the Contractor of Street Manure of the First Contract District was read and laid on the Table

The Committee on Public Offices to whom had been referred the return made by the Clerk of the Common Council of the names of the persons who had reported themselves to him as holding Offices under the Board agreeably to the Resolution of the 15th of March last presented the following report.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom it was referred, to ascertain the names & number of persons, holding and actually exercising the duties appertaining to the Offices of Weigher, Guager, Measurers of Lumber, Grain, Lime, and Charcoal, and Inspectors

of Wood and Manure; under the Common Council; and whether any additional number of persons can be appointed to all or either of those Offices, consistent with the public good

Report, That according to the return made [184] by the persons holding the said Offices pursuant to a resolution of the Common Council passed on the fifteenth day of March last; It appears that the number of persons holding the said Offices respectively is as follows, Vizt

Thirty Weighers; Six Gaugers, to which number one has since been added; Five Measurers of Lumber; Thirty nine measurers of Grain; Eight Measurers of Lime; Three Measurers of Charcoal; Eighteen Inspectors of Wood; and Three Inspectors of Manure, to which number one has since been added. Of the Weighers one has since died, and another removed from the City leaving now twenty Eight; A Copy of which return is hereunto annexed, As to the propriety of limiting the number of these appointments your Committee are aware that many Gentlemen whose opinions are entitled to great consideration, believe that the public good would be promoted by appointing every fit applicant to either of those offices; thus putting them on the footing with the ordinary pursuits in life, and producing the same competition, However plausible this doctrine may appear your Committee cannot yield their assent to it. There can be very little danger of such Officers neglecting their duty [*] to the public injury, when their compensation depends upon the exercise of it, and should that fail to prove a sufficient incentive they may be removed at pleasure, They are made Judges between seller and buyer and it is important therefore that they should be men of intelligence and of the strictest impartiality, if their number then should be so increased as to excite a warm competition it would as your Committee apprehend destroy their independence and they would then become the humble instruments of those who gave them bread, and compelled of necessity to subserve their views and interests solely, to the injury of the Stranger bringing his commodities to our Market, and thus the Officer possessing the most supple conscience would be preferred

There is also a further view of the subject leading to the same conclusion. While the number of these appointments continues without limit inducements are held out to innumerable applicants to fill them, and many individuals have refrained from entering into other pursuits whilst their Applications were pending in the hope of mak-

* New page, not numbered.—ED.

ing interest through their friends by continual solicitations and finally to obtain the object of their wishes; but how many of these have been compelled to feel the sad sensation of "hope deferred," [186] until they have become disinclined if not disqualified to follow the ordinary laborous pursuits of Life. Under these impressions your Committee do earnestly recommend a limitation of these appointments for several years yet to come.

In fixing such limit they have been much assisted by the Opinions of others more conversant with the various duties of these Offices than your Committee are presumed to be. From the best information which your Committee have been able to obtain, and which accords with their own Opinion, the number of these respective Appointments ought to be limited as follows. Thirty Weighers; Seven Gaugers; Eight Measurers of Lumber; Forty Measurers of Grain, (and all other articles exclusive of Lumber, Charcoal & Lime) Eight Measurers of Lime; Six Measurers of Charcoal; Four Inspectors of Manure, and Eighteen Inspectors of Wood; but the last to be increased from time to time as new inspection districts may be created. Your Committee would here remark that the Commissions to measurers have not in general been confined to the measuring of any particular commodity, the Officers have consequently made their [187] own election and in their Report they have omitted to state what articles they are accustomed to measure nor do the existing laws of the Common Council seem to make any such distinction, It is however to be presumed that such a distinction would be attended with beneficial effects and your Committee do recommend that all Measurers whose Commissions are thus general, shall between the first and fifteenth days of May next, make their election of what particular article or articles they will respectively measure and if more than one it shall be determined by his Honor the Mayor & that each of the said Officers shall procure a new Commission accordingly for which he shall pay twenty five Cents.

Your Committee moreover recommend that each of the persons holding either of the appointments above mentioned be required to appear before his Honor the Mayor on the thirty first day of December instant and take and subscribe the Oath of Office as prescribed by the recent ordinances on that subject, and that each of the said Officers shall between the first & fifteenth days of May next and annually thereafter between the same days report himself with the place of his residence to the Clerk [188] of the Common Council and in default of making such report such Officer shall be deemed to

have resigned his Office. In order to prevent any imposition by persons holding Commissions and neglecting to make such report your Committee suggest the propriety of instructing the Clerk to publish such reports when completed

To bring the subjects herewith connected more distinctly before the Board your Committee present the following resolutions.

First. Resolved, That hereafter the number of persons to be Commissioned for the following Offices respectively shall be limited as follows Viz. Thirty Weighers; Seven Guagers; Eight Measurers; of Lime; Forty Measurers of Grain; and all other articles (excepting Lumber, Charcoal & Lime) Eight Measurers of Lumber, Six Measurers of Charcoal, Four Inspectors of Manure & Eighteen inspectors of Wood.

Second, Resolved, That each of the persons holding either of the Offices mentioned in the preceeding Resolutions shall on the thirty first day of December instant appear before his Honor the Mayor and take and Subscribe the Oath of Office as prescribed by the recent Ordinance on that subject and in case of neglect herein by either [189] of the Said Officers he shall be deemed to have resigned his Office, Provided, that nothing in this resolution contained shall be deemed to apply to such of the said Officers as have taken and subscribed such Oath since the 27th day of October 1823.

Third. Resolved; That each of the persons holding the Office of Measurer whose Commission is not limited to the measuring of any particular article shall between the first and fifteenth days of May next, return his Commission to the Clerk of this Board and make his Election of what particular article or articles he will measure and if more than one it shall be determined by his Honor the Mayor and such Measurer shall be furnished with a New Commission specifying what particular article or articles he shall be authorised to measure and shall pay therefor the sum of twenty five cents; and each of the said Measurers omitting to comply with this regulation shall be deemed to have resigned his Office.

Fourth—Resolved. That the several persons holding either of the Offices mentioned in the first Resolution shall between the first and fifteenth days of May next and between the same days in each year thereafter report himself with the place of his residence to the [190] Clerk of this Board, and each of the said Officers omitting to comply with this requisition shall be deemed to have resigned his Office. And that such reports when completed shall be published in all the daily papers printed in this City under the direction of the said Clerk

Fifth, Resolved, That the preceeding resolutions be published in like manner

All which is respectfully submitted

E W King
Saml St John
Signed Saml Cowdrey
Jameson Cox

The following is the return alluded to in the foregoing Report.

Inspector of Weights & Measures

Peter F Cisco	22 Pump St.

Measurers of Grain

Benjamin Wark	189 Spring St
Saml W Disbrow	16 Market St
John Wright	22 Oliver St
Charles Udall	7 Lombardy St
William Frost	20 Rivington St
Jacob Brinkerhoff	71 Chrystie St
Aaron Howell	96 Church St
Walter W Townsend	58 Broadway
Thomas Fardon	51 Roosevelt St
Saml C Wessels	57 Pump St.
[191] Joseph Earle	12 Elm St
Israel Underhill	487 Pearl St
John Briant	44 Eldridge St
Benjamin Clark	35 Warren St
Josiah Smith	113 Liberty St.
John Wark	359 Bowery
John Ashford	40 Pike St
William Anderson	62 Hester St
John Langdon	Brooklyn
John B Langdon	Do
William Pearsall	82 Lombardy St.
John Pearsall	82 Do
Joseph Moore	62 Bayard St.
Abel Smith	178½ Fulton St.
Frederick Mabie	552 Pearl St
Jacob Mabie	552 Do
Isaac Sayres	22 Harrison
William Johnston	Grand St
Abraham Cole	35 Provoost St
Charles Thorn	28 Peck Slip
Caleb Sutton	56 Elizabeth St.
Alexander Fraser	64 James St
Joseph Spencer	22 Dey St
Edward Webb	104 Harmon St

Samuel Bleecker	30 Pearl St.
Samuel Bleecker Junr	Do
Lewis Smith	133 Anthony St
Nicholas Campbell	<Catharine & Lombardy
Saml Johnston	Grand Cor Orchard
[192] Abraham Day	10 Vestry St.
William Guest	91 Chamber St.

Charcoal

William C Brooks	55 Allen St.
John Hogencamp	55 Watts "
David Love	30 Bancker "

Lime

Samuel D Troup	33 Provoost St
William Hyer	38 Robinson St
William Bussing	Cor Broome & Arundle
Caleb Crane	1 Dominick St
Benjamin Westervelt	4 Staple St
Henry Ryer	16 White St
Richard Wenmard	60 Thompson St
Thomas Foot	Cor White & Elme St

City Weighers

Isaac Labagh	215 Greenwich St.
Caleb Coggershall	104 Lombardy St
Charles F Bunner	174 Broad Way
John Moore	42 Cliff St
Andrew R Miller	128 William St
William Ustick	18 John St
Ahasuerus Turk	12 Broad Way
Ebenezer Cole	45 Collect St
William Brower	James Cor Bancker
William J Brower	50 Eldridge St
Lewis Loutrel	Cor pump & Mulberry
John Marschalk	Cor Bleecker & Sullivan
John Dodge	14 Ferry St
[193] Stephen S Clay	7 Batavia St
Abraham Lawrence	Mott Cor Pell St
Reuben Wright	250 Broome St
Sylvester Marius	102 Cedar St
William Onderdonk Junr	33 Grand St.
William Vandervoort	Frankfort Cor of Skinner St
David D Crane	51 Stone St
Andrew Bache	10 Marketfield St
Isaac Auld	95 Bowery
Isaac Wilkins Jr	24 North Moore St
William Brodie	75 Greenwich St
Robert Stanton	56 Cherry St
Robert McCullen	22 James St
Joseph Tremain	30 North Moore St

John A Davenport	15 Cedar St
Augustus C Van Horne	21 Beaver St
William G Ward	Willet Cor of Delancy

Wood Inspectors

John Van Osdall	136 Delancy St
Pierson Halstead	126 Pump St
William Evans	9 Essex St
John S Van Kleeck	77 Dey St
Jacob Acker	172 Reed St
John Pinckney	Columbia nr Delancy St
George Mount	45 Elizabeth St
Joseph Toms	85 Crosby St
Lewis Guerineau by his Depy James Gritman	Spring St
Artemus B. Brookins	<Murray & West St.
[194] Joseph D Smith	265 Spring St
Martin Okie	Washington St
Abraham Van Osdall	Manhattanville
William Allen	Greenwich St
Charles Roe	593 Broad Way
John Gaffit	16 Desbrosses
John Johnson	Charles St
William Sloan Depy	Murray St.

Lumber Inspectors

Charles Browne	172 Bancker St
Abraham A Selover	12 Water St
James Hallett	
Abraham M Valentine	22 Arundle St
Simon Ackerman	554 Broome St

Manure Inspectors

James Seaman	20 Pump St
Issachar Cozzens	125 Franklin
Casperius Romaine	

Whereupon the said Report was approved and the several resolutions adopted.

Upon the motion of Alderman Mann it was referred to the Committee on public Offices and they were requested to take into Consideration the fees and allowances which should be made to the above named Officers for their services and report a Tariff of the same to the Board

[195] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for allowing to the Inspectors of the late Election in the 4th Ward the sum of $20 to defray the expence of a room occupied at the Election presented the following report against allowing the same

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed Resolution, That your Committee do not consider it expedient to allow for Room Hire at the annual elections, it having always been considered a benefit to the premises in which the Polls are held, rather than a disadvantage

The charge of $20, for the 4th Ward Poll room, your Committee deem inadmissable and unusual. If allowed for one ward, it would have to be allowed for all the Other Wards.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to allow the charge for roome Hire above mentioned

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
William H Ireland
William Burtsell.

[196] A Motion was made to reject the Report of the Committee which was negatived, The question was then taken on agreeing to the Report and was carried in the affirmative

The Finance Committee to whom had been referred back their report on the Petition of Daniel P Ingraham presented the following Report giving leave to Petitioner to withdraw his petition as follows, which was approd & the resolution adopted.

The finance Committee to whom the within Report on the subject of a petition of D P Ingraham for a Water grant at Harlem was re-committed, beg leave further to Report, that on reconsidering their first Report they are constrained to adhere to the same, not being willing to recommend a reduction of the proposed rate of quit rent— But Mr Ingraham is unwilling to pay the same, but prefers to withdraw his application.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
[197] Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) William H Ireland
William Burtsell

The following is the first Report of Finance Committee on petition of D P Ingraham and which was referred back to said Committee.

The finance Committee to whom was referred on the 8th Inst. a Petition of D P. Ingraham for a Grant of the soil between high and low water on Harlem River—Report, that having considered the subject, they recommend to the Board the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel prepare a Grant to Daniel Phoenix Ingraham, for the ground between high and low Water opposite his premises at Harlem, at the following rent, Viz.

On the Average length at high and low Water mark, at 6¼ Cents per foot till the Year 1858 and at 25 Cents per foot forever After. Provided, that he signify his Assent to these Conditions, to the Counsel of the Board, within one Week from this date.

Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Wm Burtsell

[198] The Finance Committee, on the petition of Harman Vossburgh to be permitted to Mortgage certain premises reported in favour as follows

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed application of Herman Vosburgh, to be permitted to Mortgage certain Leasehold premises held by him under the Corporation, Viz. Lots 104 and part of lot 105, adjoining the lot at the corner of Chatham and Duane Sts

Your Committee have no objections to this proposition, and therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved, That upon the usual condition that all rent is paid to 1st Novemr last, the Comptroller is hereby authorised to Consent to the premises being Mortgaged.

Reuben Munson
Geo. Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom had been referred sundry Petitions presented the following report

[199] The Committee on Application for Office to whom have been referred sundry petitions for different Offices, beg leave to recommend still—William Cornell to the Appointment of Measurer of Grain and John Bowen John T. Ball and Jonathan Hall as Measurers of Lumber, all formerly reported on and recommended by this Committee likewise David Brooks and Reuben Bunker to the office of City Weighers and John P Smith to that of Measurer of Charcoal —They therefore recommend the following Resolutions.

Resolved, That William Cornell be and is hereby appointed to the Office of Measurer of Grain.

Resolved, That John Bowen John T Ball, Jonathan Hall be and are hereby appointed to the Office of Measurer of Lumber

Resolved, That David Brooks & Reuben Bunker be and are hereby appointed as City Weighers

Resolved, That John P. Smith be and is hereby appointed to the Office of Measurer of Charcoal

Respectfully Submitted

T. Seymour
Jameson Cox

[200] Whereupon the same was approved and the several Resolutions adopted.

The Market and Finance Committee to whom was referred the recommendation of the Committee of the Fire Department to build an Engine House on the ground attached to the Essex Market presented the following report against the same

The Market and Finance Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on the Fire Department recommending that an Engine House be built on the public Ground attached to the Essex Market. Report, That the above ground is laid out, into Eight lots of about 22 feet front by 37½ feet deep, and being immediately in the vicinity of the Market, it is supposed they may be leased out to great advantage. Should an Engine house be erected on the centre lot, it would injure in all probability the leasing of the others—beside be inconvenient to the market as the Butchers Carts and Hucksters will be placed on that side of it

Your Committee believe neither the public interest nor the convenience of the firemen would be promoted by placing [201] an Engine House on that Ground

They beg leave to Offer for the Consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to erect an Engine House on the public ground attached to the Essex Market

Resolved, That the Finance Committee lease for a term of years the public ground attached to the Essex Market not appropriated for Market purposes

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
Philip Hone
Thoms Bolton
Geo. Zabriskie
Thos T Woodruff

Whereupon the Resolutions proposed were adopted.

The Chief Engineer presented the following report and recommendation of the Fire Department of persons to be appointed Engineers.

At a Meeting of the Engineers, Foremen and Fire Wardens, held at Firemen Hall the 30th November 1824

John P Roome, David J Hubbs and Valentine Vandewater having resigned as Engineers the following persons were regularly [202] balloted for, and are respectfully recommended to the Corporation, as suitable Characters to fill the vacancies—Viz.

Saml J Willis, Accountant 307 Pearl St 2 Ward

James Gulick Crockery Merct 82 Pearl St 1 Ward

Adam W Turnbull Grocer Cor Hester & Orange 6 Ward

Thos Franklin
Chief Engineer

Whereupon the same was approved and the persons recommended were appointed

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Wardens 6th Ward

Ezekiel J Moore Merchant 200 Chatham St.

Vice Samuel Webb Resigned

Fire Wardens 7th Ward

Edward Smylie Brass Founder 156 Bancker St

Vice William Burk Time Expired

Fire Wardens 8th Ward

Francis Peckwell Tavern Keeper < Broadway & Grand
Vice John Brewer Left the City

Fire Hook & Ladder Company N° 2

Richard Morrell Merchant 16 Rose St
Vice John Middleton Resigned

[203] Fire Hook & Ladder Company N° 3

Azariah Ross Mason Hudson Nr Spring St
Vice Samuel Harris Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 12

Benjamin Dodge Carpenter 128 Leonard St
Vice Henry Riley Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 15

John S Skinner Sail Maker 19 Catharine
Vice Saml Downing Expelled

Fire Engine Company N° 16

John J Stephens Clerk 19 Provost St
Vice Hartman Vreeland Resigned

Neal H Doyle Clerk 31 Maiden Lane
Vice Abraham Frost Resigned

William H Holton Carpenter 9 Fletcher St
Vice John Morange Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 31

Jonathan Garthwait Mason 3 Desbrosses St
Vice William L Koff Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 41

Joseph [Jacob] G Huls[e] Cartman Delancy Nr Lewis St
Vice William Parker Expelled

[204] Fire Engine Company N° 44.

Thos P Walworth, Brass Foundry 44 Willet St
Vice Charles Porter Resigned

Thaddius Bell Ship Carpenter Lewis Nr North St
Vice Alfred Waterbury Dead

Thomas Beilby House Carpenter Lewis St
Vice Benjamin Brown Removed

Geo W Smith Barber Lewis betw Stanton & *Bro* [North]
Vice Isaac Smith Resigned

Johnson S Inglee Ship Carpenter North St. To fill up the Company.

The Attorney presented the following Certificates of Sales of lands for nonpayment of Taxes

The Attorney respectfully Reports that he has prepared, and requests that the Board may direct to be executed the following certificates of the sale of the property hereinafter mentioned to the persons, for the terms of time, and for the sums hereinafter mentioned: the same having been sold by the Collector of the Arrears of Taxes on the 10th day of November A, D, 1824, in pursuance of the Statue in such case made and provided, for non payment of Taxes. viz

1st All that certain House and Lot of Ground in the first Ward of the City [205] of New York, on the west side of Maiden Lane between Front and South Streets, known as N° 152 Maiden Lane, assessed as belonging to I Louzad[a], sold to James Morange for One year from 10th Novemr 1826 for $30 67/100

2d All that certain Shop and lot of Ground in the First Ward aforesaid, on the East side of De Peyster Street between Front and South Streets. Assessed as belonging to Peter Brewer, Sold to James Morange for Two Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $20 06/100

3d All that certain House and Lot, in the Fourth Ward of the City aforesaid, in the rear of N° 41 Ferry Street between Pearl and Jacob Streets, assessed as belonging to Charles Chess, Sold to David Whiting for Two Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $16 53/100

4th All that certain lot of ground in the 6th Ward of the City aforesaid, on the East side of Little Water Street, to the north of Anthony Street, numbered on the Ward Map as 1016, assessed as belonging to Matthew L Davis, sold to William L Simers for Twelve years from 10 November 1826, for $20 6/100

5th All that certain Lot in the Seventh Ward of the City aforesaid, on the North Side of Lombardy Street between Corlears & Walnut Streets, numbered on Ward Map as 2088, on the [206] farm Map as 17, Sold to William L Simers for Seventeen Years from 10th November 1826 for $17 26/100 Assessed to the Widow Byrn

6th All that certain Lot in the 7th Ward aforesaid, on the South Side of Bancker St. at the junction of Grand St numbered on the Ward Map as 2076, and on the farm map as 26, Assessed to the Widow

Byron, Sold to William L Simers for 15 years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $17 26/100

7th All that certain House and Lot in the Seventh Ward aforesaid, on the north side of Bancker, between Walnut and Grand Streets, numbered on the Ward map as 2054, on the farm map as P9 assessed to Jane N Price, sold to David Whiting for 3 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $16 53/100

8th All that certain Lot in the Eighth Ward of the City aforesaid, on the West Side of Elizabeth Street between Prince and Bleecker Streets, numbered on the Ward Map as 886, on the farm Map as 34, assessed to Charles Mooney, sold to Samuel Norsworthy for 20 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $14 70/100.

9 All that certain Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the West side of Elizabeth [207] between Prince & Bleecker Streets numbered on the Ward Map as 887, on the farm map as 35. Assessed to Charles Mooney, Sold to Robert Nicholls for 20 Years from 10 Novr 1826 for $14 70/100

10th All that certain Lot in the Said Eighth Ward, on the west side of Elizabeth between Prince and Bleecker Streets numbered on the Ward Map as 888, on the farm Map as 36 Assessed to Charles Mooney Sold to Robert Nicholls for 25 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $14.70

11th All that certain lot in the said Eigth Ward, on the east side of Mott numbered on the Ward Map as 813, on the farm map as 37, Assessed to Charles Mooney, sold to William J Cantelo for 30 Years from the 10th November 1826 for $14 34/100

12 All that certain Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Mott, numbered on the Ward map as 814, on the farm map as 38, Assessed to Charles Mooney, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 20 Years from the 10th November 1826 for $14 34/100

13, All that certain lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Mott, numbered on Ward Map as 815, on the farm map as 39, Assessed to Charles Mooney, sold to David Whiting for 30 Years from 10th November 1826 for $14 34/100.

14. [208] All that certain Slaughter House and Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East Side of Mott, between Prince and Spring Streets, numbered on the Ward Map as 410, on the farm map as 970, Assessed, *Assessed* to John Chivers, Sold to David Whiting for 7 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $17 74/100

15 All that certain Stable and Lot in the said Eighth Ward on the East side of Mott between Prince and Spring Streets, numbered on the Ward Map as 491, on the farm Map as 971, Assessed to John Chivers, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 6 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $16 76/100

16 All that certain Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the east side of Mott, between Broome and Spring Streets, numbered on the Ward Map as 361, on the farm Map as 926, Assessed to Mrs Fisher, sold to David Whiting for 14 Years from 10 Novemr 1826, for $16 40/100

17 All that certain lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Mott between Spring and Broome Streets, numbered on the Ward Map as 360, on the farm Map as 927, Assessed to F Ball, sold to William L. Simers for 15 Years from 10th Novemr 1826. for $16 40/100

18. [209] All that certain Lot of ground in the Said Eighth Ward on West side of Mulberry between Bleecker and Prince Streets numbered on the Ward Map as 746, on the farm Map as 84, assessed to Thomas C Butler, sold to William H Butler for 1 Year from 10th Novemr, 1826, for $14 34/100

19. All that certain Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East Side of Mulberry between Bleecker and Prince Streets, numbered on the Ward Map as 779, on the farm Map as 70, Assessed to Michael Evener, Sold to John E Mowatt for 18 Years from 10th November 1826 for $14 34/100

20. All that Certain House and Lot in the said Eighth Ward on the West side of Orange between Prince and Spring Streets, known as No 232 Orange, designated on the Ward Map as 580 on the farm Map as 1171. Assessed as belonging to A Megan, sold to David Whiting for One Year, from 10th Novemr 1826 for $23 20/100

21. All that certain Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Crosby, between Broome and Spring Streets, designated on the Ward Map as No 239, on the farm Map 1152, assessed to John N Abeel Sold to Thomas R Ludlam for 15 Years from 10th November 1826 for $16 40/100

22. All that certain Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East Side of Crosby, between *Between* Broome and Spring Streets, designated [210] on the Ward Map as 240, on the farm Map as 1151, Assessed to John N Abell, sold to Thomas R Ludlam for 14 Years from 10th November 1826. for $16 40/100

23. All that certain lot in the Said Eighth Ward on the East Side

of Crosby between Prince and Spring Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 591, Assessed to A Megan. Sold to John E Mowatt for 15 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $16 $\frac{0}{100}$

24. All that certain House and Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Crosby, between Prince & Bleecker Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 724, on the farm Map as 106, assessed to George Heyday, Sold to David Whiting for One year from 16 Novemr 1826 for $17 $\frac{05}{100}$

25. All that certain Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Broadway, between Bond and Great Jones Streets, designated on the ward Map as 1069, on the farm Map as 23, Assessed to Samuel Wells, Sold to Kenlock Stuart for 6 Years from 10th November 1826, for $21.$\frac{81}{100}$

26. All that certain lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Broadway, between Bond and Great Jones Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 1068, on the farm map as 24, Assessed to Lemuel Wells, Sold to [211] Kinlock Stuart for 6 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $21 $\frac{19}{100}$

27th, All those three certain lots in the said Eighth Ward, on the West side of Mercer between Fourth and Amity Streets, Assessed to the Estate of W G. Miller, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 9 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $21.$\frac{19}{100}$

28. All those three certain lots in the said Eighth Ward, on the East Side of Greene between Fourth and Amity Streets. Assessed to the Estate of W G Miller, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 9 Years, from 10th Novemr 1826, for $19 $\frac{85}{100}$

29. All that certain lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the North Side of Broome, between Clark and Sullivan Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 2785, on the farm map as 56, Assessed to Christopher McGuire. Sold to James Morange, for 6 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $17 $\frac{0}{100}$

30. All that certain lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the North Side of Broome, between Orange and Mulberry Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 274, on the farm Map as 1044, Assessed to the Heirs of J Van Cortland, Sold to John E Mowatt for 7 Years from 10th November 1826 for $19 $\frac{18}{100}$

31. All that certain House and Lot [212] in the said Eighth Ward, on the north side of Charlton, between Varick and Hudson Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 3450, on the farm Map as

210, Assessed to Samuel Martine, Sold to John Williams for One Year from 10th November 1826, for $21 $^{81}/_{100}$

32. All that certain lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Hudson, between Christopher and Burrows Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 3954, on the farm map as 152. Assessed to Trinity Church, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 6 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $18 $^{36}/_{100}$

33. All that Certain lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Hudson between Christopher & Burrows Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 3955, on the farm map as 151, Assessed to Trinity Church, sold to Abraham Labagh for 7 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $17 $^{7}/_{100}$

34, All that certain Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Hudson, between Christophers and Burrows Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 3956, on the farm Map as 150, Assessed to Trinity Church, sold to Abraham Labagh for 3 Years from 10th November 1826 for $17 $^{7}/_{100}$

35 All that certain House and Lot [213] in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Herring, between Reason & Burrows Streets designated on the Ward Map as 4432, on the farm map as 46, Assessed to Hickson Wilson, Sold to David Whiting for One Year from 10th Novemr 1826 for $18 $^{1}/_{100}$

36. All that certain Lot in the said Eighth on the South Side of Burrows, at the corner of Bedford Street, Assessed to George Patten, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 7 Years from 10 November 1826 for $15 $^{1}/_{100}$

37. All that certain lot and a half in the Ninth Ward of the City aforesaid on the north side of Amos Street, near Herring Street, Assessed to A Hammond, sold to Charles Oakley for 12 Years from 10th Novemr 1826, for $16 $^{2}/_{100}$

38. All those certain nine Lots of Land situate in the said Ninth Ward, on Amos Street, Assessed to A Hammond, sold to Charles Oakley, for five Years from 10th November 1826, for 22 dolls $^{1}/_{100}$

39 All that certain Lot situate in the said Ninth Ward on Amos Street, Assessed to Hector Street, sold to Abraham Labagh for 20 Years from 10th November 1826 for $14.

40. All those certain Six lots in the said Ninth Ward on Amos Street, Assessed [214] to S. Bayard, sold to Abraham Labagh, for 10 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $18 $^{90}/_{100}$

41. All threefourths of a lot, situate in the said Ninth Ward, on Charles Street, Assessed to A Hammond, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 20 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $15 6/100

42. All that certain lot in the said Ninth Ward on Charles Street, Assessed to *to* the Widow Funday, sold to Abraham Labagh for 15 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $15 6/100

43 All those three certain Lots in the said Ninth Ward on the West side of the Bowery near Art Street, Assessed to F Shonnard, sold to David Randall for 6 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $187 5/100

44 All that certain House and three Acres of Land in the said Ninth Ward, at Kipp's Bay, on the East side of Eliza Street, Assessed to Maria Duffie, Sold to Samuel Norsworthy for 2 Years from the 10th November 1826 for $39 36/100

45. All that certain House and one and one Quarter Acres of land in the Said Ninth Ward, at Kipp's Bay on the East side of Eliza Street, Assessed to Maria Duffie, Sold to Samuel Norsworthy for [215] 3 Years from 10th November 1826, for $16 18/100

46 All those four certain lots of land, in the said Ninth Ward, at Kipp's Bay, Assessed to Samuel Mitchell Sold to Thomas Storm, for 14 years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $14 34/100

47. All those two certain Lots of Land in the said Ninth Ward, at Kipps Bay, assessed to C Kipp, sold to John E Mowatt for 25 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $14 1%100

48. All those two certain Houses & two and three quarter Acres of Land, in the said Ninth Ward on the Old Harlaem Road 3d Avenue, Assessed to Nath. Reynold, Sold to Abraham Cross, for 2 Years from 10 Novemr 1826, for $20 1%100

49. All those two certain Lots in the said Ninth Ward on the Old Harlaem Road, Assessed to Sand[s] Lane, sold to Francis Price for 40 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $13 80/100

50, All that certain house and two acres of land in the said Ninth Ward, on the Old Harlaem road, Assessed to Edward Vermilyea, sold to James Morange for 6 Years from 10th November 1826 for $22 95/100

51. All that certain Lot in the said Ninth Ward, on the Old Harlaem road, Assessed to Edward Vermilyea, sold to Peter Kerrison [216] for 85 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $14 18/100

52. All that certain House and Nine Acres of Land in the said Ninth Ward, in the Harlaem Road division, Assessed to Abraham

Vermilyea, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 4 Years from 10th November 1826 for $14 $^{59}/_{100}$

53. All those four Certain Lots in the said Ninth Ward in the Manhattanville division, Assessed to the Widow Bradford, Sold to Kinlock Stuart for 17 Years from 10 November 1826 for $13 $^{80}/_{100}$

54. All that certain House and lot in the said Ninth Ward in the Manhattanville division, Assessed to Gilbert Myres, sold to David Whiting for 4 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $13 $^{61}/_{100}$

55. All that certain House and two and one half Acres of land in the said Ninth Ward, on the West side of the Bloomingdale road, near J C. Vandenheuvel, Assessed to John Genter, sold to John Williams for 4 Years from 10th Novemr 1826, for $19 $^{46}/_{100}$

56, All that certain House and three lots in the said Ninth Ward at Bloomingdale, Assessed to John Somerindike, Sold to John Williams for 3 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $15

57 [217] All those certain ten Acres of Land in the said Ninth Ward at Bloomingdale, Assessed to John Taylor, Sold to John Williams for 6 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $27 $^{10}/_{100}$

58. All that certain House and Seven Lots in the Said Ninth Ward on the Fitzroy road, from 26th to 28th Street, Assessed to Thomas B Clark, Sold to James Morange for 7 Years from 10. Novemr 1826 for $41 $^{5}/_{100}$

59 All those three certain lots in the Said Ninth Ward, on the Fitzroy road, assessed to Albert Chrystie, sold to John E Mowatt for 20 Years from 10th Novemr, 1826, for $13 $^{90}/_{100}$

60 All those five certain lots in the said Ninth Ward on the Fitzroy Road, assessed to Thomas Ash, sold to Charles Oakley for 17 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $14 $^{50}/_{100}$

61, All those ten certain lots in the said Ninth Ward on the Fitzroy Road, Assessed to John K Vanderbilt, sold to Oliver Howell for 12 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $16 $^{3}/_{100}$

62. All that certain House and lot in the Said Ninth Ward on the Fitzroy road, near the 8th Avenue, Assessed to John Patterson, sold to Charles M David for 5 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $15 $^{40}/_{100}$

63 All that certain Acre of Land [218] situate in the said Ninth Ward on Greenwich Lane, Assessed to Abijah Hammond Sold to Charles Oakley for 8 Years from 10th November 1826 for $17

64, All those two certain Lots in the said Ninth Ward, on Broad-

way, Assessed to Jacob Ackerman, sold to Asa Holden for 18 Years from 10th November 1826 for $13 $^{80}/_{100}$

65, All those thirteen certain Lots in the said Ninth Ward, on Broadway Assessed to the Estate of D Mann, sold to Joseph Neilson for 8 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $18 $^{23}/_{100}$

66 All those two certain houses, and two and one quarter Acres of land in the said Ninth Ward, on the West side of the Warren road between the Abingdon and Southampton Roads, Assessed to Lemuel Wells, Sold to James Morange for 4 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $29

67. All that certain House and One and three-quarter Acres of Land in the said Ninth Ward, on the East side of the Fit[z]roy Road, between the Abingdon and Southampton Roads, Assessed to Lemuel Wells, Sold to David Whiting for 7 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $18 $^{5}/_{100}$

68. All that certain House and One and three quarter Acres of Land, Situate [219] in the said Ninth Ward, on the east side of the Fitzroy road, between the Abingdon and Southampton Roads, Assessed to Lemuel Wells, Sold to David Whiting for 8 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $18 $^{5}/_{100}$

69 All that certain House and lot in the said Ninth Ward on the Southampton Road, Asse'd to the Estate of Philip Palstaff, Sold to John E Mowatt for 11 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $14 $^{5}/_{100}$

70. All that certain Store and Lot in the said Ninth Ward, on Hammond Street, Assessed to Samuel Bayard, sold to Abraham Labagh for 2 Years from 10th November 1826 for $15.

71 All that certain Lot in the said Ninth Ward on Hammond Street, Assessed to Robert C Smith, Sold to John Williams for 4 Years from 10 Novemr 1826, for $14 $^{5}/_{100}$

72. All that certain House and two lots in the said Ninth Ward, on Hammond Street, Assessed to James Thomson, sold to Abraham Labagh for 1 Year from 10th November 1826 for $22 $^{23}/_{100}$

73, All those Six certain Lots in the said Ninth Ward, on William Street, Assessed to Abijah Hammond, sold to Francis Price for 12 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $16 $^{49}/_{100}$

74, All that certain house and two [220] Lots in the said Ninth Ward, on East Bank Street, Assessed to William Cairns, Sold to John Williams for 7 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $15 $^{49}/_{100}$

75. All those four certain Lots in the Said Ninth Ward, on Art

Street, Assessed to Joseph Winter sold to John Williams for 12 Years from 10th November 1826, for $17 82/100

76, All that certain Lot in the 10 Ward of the said City, on the West Side of Allen Street between Grand & Broome Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 768, assessed to John B Cheeseman, Sold to Jacob Appley for 12 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $17 8/100

77. All that certain Lot in the said Tenth Ward, on the West side of Allen, between Rivington and Delancey Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 833, assessed to Jacob Appley, sold to Jacob Appley for 10 Years from 10 November 1826 for $16 40/100

78. All that certain Lot in the said Tenth Ward, on the east side of Essex, between Delancey & Broome Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 1493, Assessed to David Burger, Sold to Thoms R Ludlam for 10 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $15 72/100

79 All that certain Lot in the [221] said Tenth Ward, on the West side of Norfolk. between Delancy and Broome Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 1503, Assessed to Thomas Cooper, Sold to Roger Williams for 14 Years from 10th November 1826, for $15 72/100

80, All that certain lot in the said Tenth Ward, on the West side of Sheriff, between Stanton and North Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 3106, Assessed to Anthony Lamb, Sold to Thomas R Ludlam for 20 Years from 10th November 1826 for $14 36/100

81, All that certain factory and lot in the said Tenth Ward on the south side of Broome, between Goerck and Mangin Streets, Assessed to John T. Youle, Sold to John Williams for 6 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $17 8/100

82. All that certain lot in the said tenth Ward, on the North side of Broome between Pitt and Ridge Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 5, Assessed to Henry Livingston, Sold to John E Mowatt, for 20 Years from 10th November 1826 for $16 40/100

83, All that certain Lot in the Said Tenth Ward on the South side of Rivingston Street, designated on the Ward Map as 3495, Assessed to Stephen Gorham Sold to John E Mowatt for 18 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $15 72/100

[222] 84 All that certain Lot in the said Tenth Ward, on the south side of Stanton, between Orchard and Ludlow Streets, assessed to Mr Collard, sold to Joseph Neilson for 15 Years from 10th November 1826 for $15 72/100

85, All that certain Lot in the said Tenth Ward, on the south side of North Street between Columbia and Cannon Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 3408, Assessed to R S Livingston, sold to Abraham Labagh for 25 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $13 68/100

86 All that certain lot in the said Tenth Ward, on the North side of First Street, at the Corner of the 2d Avenue, Assessed to Peter Crawbuck, Sold to Thomas R Ludlam for 8 Years from 10th November 1826 for $21 94/100

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the said Certificates were directed to be duly executed

He also presented the following report of Captains making default in reporting passengers,

The Attorney respectfully reports, that the following Captains of Vessels having been written to for not reporting their [223] passengers according to Law, did thereupon report, and they having paid the Costs, the remission of the penalties is respectfully recommended,

Capt Davis, of the	Brig	Levant,
Capt Pratt	Ditto	Perseverance
Capt Emery	Ditto	Adams
Capt Leary of the	Ship	Eliza Ann
Capt Bates	Ditto	Eliza Jane
Capt Howes of the	Schooner	Wave
Capt Combs of the	Brig	Osprey

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon his recommendations was agreed to and the penalties were remitted

He also presented the following Report with a Grant to Thomas H Smith for Water Lot at Brooklyn

The Attorney herewith respectfully reports for execution a Water Grant at Brooklyn to Thomas H Smith, for the land between high and low water in front of his property between Jay and Pearl Streets, prepared agreeably to the Report of the Finance Committee on the Subject, but not for all the premises embraced in such report, it having since been discovered that the grant between Pearl and Adams Streets has already been made to R & S Bowne [224] from whom Mr Smith purchased

Respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Grant was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented a Deed to the Heirs of Marselis Van Giesen for a gore of Land

The Attorney herewith submits for execution a Deed of a Gore or strip of Land to the heirs of Marselis Van Geisen, prepared agreeably to a report of the Finance Committee on that subject

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Deed was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissio^{r}, presented a return of delinquents on the Assessment for paving Rutgers Slip and for repaving a part of Cherry St. Whereupon a Warrant was directed to issue to Morris DeCamp to Collect the same,

The Street Commissioner also presented an Assessment for regulating and paving Beekman Street from Pearl to Water Street [225] which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp was appointed Collector

He also presented an Assessment for pitching and paving Gouverneur Slip which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp was appointed Collector.

He also presented Abstract returns of the Commissioners Report in the case of Opening and extending Greene & Wooster Streets from Bleecker to Fourth Streets, conferred by the Supreme Court and suggested the propriety of appointing a Collector thereto—Whereupon Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

He also presented the following with a remonstrance of the Heirs of John Lawrence dece^{d} and a remonstrance of W^{m} Hunter and others Lessees of Lots on Grand & Sheriff Sts

The Street Commissioner having in conformity with the directions of the Common Council, advertised for the Opening of a Street, from the East river to Grand Street, and thence to form a Junction with Sheriff Street—herewith incloses two several remonstrances against the Continuing of such projected Street further than Grand Street.

[226] Which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) R Graves
St Comm^{r}

The Report of the Street Committee which was laid for consideration on the 22nd November last was called up and being read was in the words following

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry Owners of property between Scamel Street and Walnut Street, praying

that a Street may be Opened from Grand Street to the East river. Report, that they have had the subject under their deliberate consideration, and are of the opinion that the Interest and convenience of the public generally and of that section of the City in particular requires that a more direct communication should be afforded between that growing and already populous Neighbourhood northerly of Grand Street—The ground which is required for the Street is vacant (excepting Six Lots, on which are buildings of small value) and that if the Street is not now opened—Buildings and other permanent improvements will in a short time be made thereon, and the opening at some future period rendered very expensive as well to the public, [227] as to individuals in that vicinity—for the foregoing considerations, Your Committee are induced to recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a Street, be opened fifty feet in width, between Scammel St. and Walnut Street and from Grand Street to the East river agreeably to a Map or plan thereof herewith presented—and that the Council to this Board, take the necessary measures for having the same carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Philip Hone
(Signed) Sam[l] St John
Asa Mann
Reuben Munson.

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed,

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances

No 1	Wm Powell	Occupt	5	Bancker St	A privy
2	N Clary	Do	17	Do	Do
3	S Chrystie	Do	23	Do	Do
4	J H Baker	Do	31	Do	Do
5	[228] J Philips	Do	37	Do	"
6	W Solomon	Do	39	Do	"
7	D T Valentine	Do	41	Do	"
8	J Mansfield	Do	49	Do	"
9	M McCannon	Do	63	Do	"
10	D Hainer	Do	65	Do	"
11	Wm B Crosby	Do	69	Do	"
12	T Ryan	Do	93	Do	"
13	E Englis[h]	Do	97	Do	"
14	F Scott	Do	117	Do	"
15	J *Doory* [Dougherty]	Do	121	Do	"

16	C Landaw	Occupt	123	Bancker St	A privy
17	S Butler	Do	125	Do	"
18	J Weeks	Do	127	Do	"
19	J McGuire	Do	131	Do	"
20	J Quin	Do	151	Do	"
21	Mrs Goodwin	Do	153	Do	"
22	J Reeves	Do	165	Do	"
23	C P McIlwain	Do	66	Bayard St	"
24	J Benson	Do	104	Do	"
25	E J Lindsey	Do	106	Do	"
26	W Hide	Do	44	Elizabeth St	"
27	W Hicks	Do	80	Do	"
28	M [Mc]Manus	Do	82	Do	"
29	J Hull	Do	86	Do	"
30	T. Tucker	Do	111	Franklin St	"
31	S Hagerty	Do	113	Do	"
32	Mrs West	Do	115	Do	"
33	I Cozzens Senr	Do	125	Do	"
34	[229] T Williams	Do	181	Hester St	Do
35	R Sloan	Do	195	Do	Do
36	A W Turnbull	Do	205	Do	Do
37	Wm Quackenbush	Do	10	Howard	Do
38	T Calligan	Do	13	Mott	Do
39	A McDougall	Do	21	Do	Do
40	Ths Allen	Do	39	Do	Do
41	*T* [J] Patze	Do	45	Do	Do
42	J Perry	Do	49	Do	Do
43	N Faugeras	Do	47	Do	Do
44	J H Osborn	Do	61	Do	Do
45	C Reed	Do	109	Do	Do
46	T H Harrison	Do	13	Mulberry	Do
47	T Kennedy	Do	49	Do	Do
48	P. Correll	Do	55	Do	Do
49	P McGuire	Do	79	Do	Do
50	Mrs Foster	Do	87	Do	Do
51	E Pringle	Do	125	Do	Do
52	A Schouten	Do	23	Pell St	Do
53	W Dickerson	Do	125	Pump	Do
54	Chs Lee	Do	145	Do	Do
55	Mrs Whitlock	Do	8	Rhynders	Do
56	C Adams	Do	71	Bayard	Do
57	T Brown	Do	21	Elizabeth	Do
58	H McGeer	Do	150	Hester	Do
59	D Dike	Do	154	Do	Do
60	M McCartee	Do	156	Do	Do
61	D Wise	Do	158	Do	Do
62	M Deforest	Do	172	Do	Do
63	[230] M Heely	Do	40	Mott St	Do
64	A Osborn	Do	62	Do	Do

65	Josh. Douglass	Occupt	96	Mott St	A privy
66	Sl Van Ness	Do	182	Hester St	Do
67	J Smith	Do	12	Mulberry	Do
68	D Triplet	Do	34	Do	Do
69	J Tate	Lessees	64	Do	Do
70	Js Duffy	Occupt	66	Do	Do
71	H, Cunningham	Do	68	Do	Do
72	R Mingham	Do	86	Do	Do
73	A Marks	Do	96	Pump	Do
74	D W *Rayman* [Raymer]	Do	98	Do	Do
75	S Borden	Do	136	Do	Do
76	J Newman	Do	11	Rhynders	Do
77	J M Clark	Do	39	Mulberry	A Lot
78	Jno D Kent	Do	78	Elizabeth	Do
79	C Husband	Do	50	Do	Do
80	J Duffie	Do	12	Rhynders	Do

George Cuming
City Inspector

Alderman Ireland presented the following which was adopted, Resolved that it be referred to the Market Committee to enquire into the propriety of erecting a Building for the accommodation of the Fishermen in the Washington Market and that they report their Opinion thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

[231] Mr Ostrander presented the following which was adopted

Resolved, That the Superintendant of Repairs be requested to repair the Bulkhead of Broome St Slip and that the same be done under the direction of the Committee [on] Wharves Piers and Slips

Alderman Zabriskie presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Canal Committee to inquire into the expediency of causing the Culverts to the sewer in Chapple St. to be constructed on a plan similar to those attached to the Canal St. Sewer or in such other manner as the said Committee may think proper.

Alderman Zabriskie presented the following Resolution recommending the observance of the 21st Inst the day set apart by the Governor of the State as a Day of Thankgiving and prayer, which was adopted.

Whereas his excellency the Governor has by a proclamation dated the 18th of November last set apart tuesday the 21st Inst to be observed as a day of public prayer and thanksgiving

Resolved, That the Common Council [231A] recommend to their fellow Citizens the due observance of the day, and to this end that they be hereby requested to abstain from their respective ordinary occupations and employments.

Resolved, That the above resolution be published in all the papers employed by this Board.

Alderman King presented a Law to amend a Law to regulate the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets which was passed by that Title and directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board

Alderman Wyckoff moved that the Board now proceed to the appointment of a Chief Engineer, which was agreed to.

The Resignation of Thomas Franklin of the Office of Chief Engineer presented at the last meeting and laid for consideration was called up, and it was Resolved that the same be accepted,

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following Vote of Thanks to Thomas Franklin which was unanimously adopted

[232] Resolved, That the thanks of the Common Council be presented to Mr Thomas Franklin for his services as a Fireman for Forty one Years, thirteen years of which he has held the important and responsible situation of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, during all which period he has performed the arduous duties attached to his Office to the entire satisfaction of this Board.

A Memorial of Benjamin M Brown and others Firemen presented this Evening and laid on the Table was now called up and read it stated at a public meeting of the Firemen held on the 2d December Inst. It was. Resolved That a meeting of the Firemen, Hook & Ladder, Hose cart & Firewardens be called by Companies previous to the 8th Inst. for the purpose of voting by sealed Ballots for a person to fill the office of Chief Engineer that a petition be presented to the Common Council to delay the appointment of Chief Engineer until an Election by the Firemen shall have taken place and the Common Council furnished with an official return, and praying the Common Council will accordingly delay the said Election the same having been read it was Resolved *[234] That the same lie on the Table

A Petition of Uzziah Wenman and of Peter W Engs for Office of Chief Engineer which had been laid on the Table this evening were called up and read—Mr Cowdrey rose in his place and observed that though there had been no petition on application from the person whom he had in view to fill the Office of Chief Engineer, still as he believed he would be very acceptable to the Fire Dapartment, and the Citizens generally he would take the liberty to nominate him—the person he alluded to was Mr Jameson Cox, and he accordingly nominated him as a Candidate for that Office

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

To the Corporation of the City of New York

Gentlemen,

Forty one Years have now elapsed since I first engaged in the arduous duties of a Fireman. I am now sensible of my inability to discharge, as formerly, the important and responsible duties attached to the Office of Chief Engineer; which Office, you, and your Predecessors have been pleased to continue to me for the last thirteen Years. If during that period my feeble, but zealous exertions for the promotion of the Fire department have been attended with success, I am greatly indebted for that success to your uniform and friendly aid, in enabling me to discharge to the best of my abilities the trust confided to me. Permit me now Gentlemen, to tender to you my resignation, and with it, my grateful acknowledgments for the confidence so long reposed in me.

With sentiments of esteem and respect
I bid you an affectionate farewell

New York 11 mo (Nov.) 22d 1824

Wm. Franklin

This letter is reproduced from the original which was found among the loose papers in the custody of the City Clerk. To-day we would call Thomas Franklin "Fire Commissioner." "Forty-one years" of service would make his connection with the department date from 1783, the year of the British evacuation. His name actually appears in the roll of firemen for Company No. 12 in the minutes of Feb. 15, 1786 (see vol. I, p. 202). He was appointed Chief Engineer Nov. 18, 1811, on the petition "of the Foremen of thirty-six Fire Engine Companies" (see vol. VI, p. 754). His annual reports, preserved among the city archives, are models of painstaking care, and his signature is attached to the certificates of hundreds of firemen. This touching letter of resignation may well be an inspiration to municipal servants of all future generations. See pages 137 and 190 in this volume for minutes in reference to it.—Ed.

The Board then proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill said Office when on counting the Ballots it appeared there were 17 votes for Mr Jameson Cox and it was Resolved that Jameson Cox be and he is hereby appointed Chief Engineer of the City of New York.

On motion Resolved, That when this Board adjourn they will adjourn to meet on Monday next at 4 Oclock,

[235] The Comptroller presented the following report

Balance as pr Acct. 22 Novemr	160.33	
Recd for Tax of 1824. 1. 3. 8 Wards	12.500.00	
" Rents	3.321.65	
" Streets	2.540.86	
" Fines &c Of Attorney	501.04	
" Justices Courts	476.74	
" Wells & Pumps	348.96	
" Dist. Attorney's fees	158.89	
" Clerk of sessions fees	153.94	
" Mayoralty fees	72.00	
" Commutation Alien passengers	5.00	
Loan of Mechanics Bank Authorised 2d February last	12.000.00	
		32.239.41

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts.

Leek & Conklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2d "	666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "	645.75
R Graves st Commr 1 Qr Salary 1 Octr	400.
Abrm B Martling Keeper City Hall 6 Months 1 Novemr	400.
J. Morton Clerk C. Council Additional Salary 1 Febry to 1 Novemr	292.50
Geo Cuming City Inspecr 1 Qr 1 Inst	200.
John Fleming Treasurer 1 Qr 19 Octr	100.
[236] Ob. Ayres Asst City Inspecr 1 Mo. 1 Inst	45.50
John Coffin Do Do Do	45.50
Astin & Higbie Messengers Do	52.
Wm Schureman Keeper Pottersfield Do	37.50
Chs Gilman Do Battery Do	30.
A McCready Do Park Do	30.
O Jaques Street Inspector Do	46.75
P Wright Do Do	46.75
T Jeroleman Do Do	46.75
N B Lyon Do Do	46.75
A Ackerman Do Do	46.75
W Kerr Do Do	46.75
B Fuller Do Do	46.75
S Hutchings Do Do	46.75
D Hubbard Do Do	46.75

M Ulshoeffer Counsel, drawing Laws, Costs of Suit &c....	173.46
J Morton for Hackhire paid by him for Corporation.....	9.
Wm Welsh posting 500 Proclamations of the Mayor.....	5.
Benj Hicks Asst Board of Health 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	45.50
J Pinkney Asst Board of Health 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	45.50
Thos Longworth Stationary.....	2.
[237] Office of Commercial, Advertising for Collector Arrears Taxes	94.
L Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Mo 1 In.....	64.42
L Baum Do Costs &c enforcg Market Law.....	12.48
Jno Bremner Clk Catharine Market 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	56.
P. Amerman " Six Do 1 " 1 "	54.50
G Duryea " Fulton Do 1 " 1 "	41.67
R Smith " Franklin Do 1 " 1 "	37.50
Isaac Asten Sweeper Fulton " 1 " 1 "	38.50
Henry Post Junr Oil bot of Job Coleman.....	993.26
G Snethen Lightg Lamps 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	799.42
Rt Provoost repairg Do 1 " 1 "	95.38
Geo B Thorp Keeper City Prison & 2 Depys 1 Qr Salary 1 Novr	450.
John Gelston Hire of House at Kips Bay 6 Mo 1 Novr...	100.
Abrm Leggett Supergs & Work Mud Machine to 5 Inst.....	126.38
Jas Morgan & son repairs to Mud Machine.....	14.75
J Hays & Officers Conveyg persons to City prison 1 Qr 1 Novemr	145.50
J Hays for Officers Extra Services police 1 Qr 26 Novemr	247.43
J Hays for Officers Conveying prisoners to penitentiary 1 Qr 26 Novr.....	38.
J Sidell to pay Officers attending at City Hall 25 Novemr..	18.
[238] Abrm Dally & others Assessing Streets &c 1 July to 1 Decemr	694.50
Daniel Ewen Survey Canal st Sewer.....	574.
C Mooney Acct. repavg Chatham St from Pearl to James St.....	500.
J McQueen & M Tally Acct. reg. Sundry Streets at Greenwich	302.88
J Culbert, Acct. reg & pav. Wooster St from Canal to Broome	300.
Thos Fairchild Inspects pavg Sundry Sts.....	257.96
H Smith Acct. reg. & pav Columbia St. from Grand to Rivington St.....	100.
Owen Smith bal. reg & pav Eldridge from Stanton to North St.....	92.37
J McComb paving Sidewalks of M Lawson in Broad St recovered on Suit.....	10.22
J Anderson 3d paymt Building pier A[lbany] Basin.....	1819.56
J Anderson 4th & last " do do do	1798.34
Joseph Waldron 100 Trees on the Battery.....	175.
Jno J Labagh 12 grate Stones at Battery.....	75.63

W Westerfield & G Tucker bal Masons Work Fever Hospital	1190.	
A. Burtis Superintendant Alms House, Bal. for Expences f. Hospital	622.95	
A Burtis Superint[t] Alms House for Working Convicts....	1000.	
[239] Arthur Burtis Superintendant Alms House—for Alms House	4,500.	
Peter A Jay Counsel for persons claiming compensation for Stalls in Fly Market *in full*.....	10.272.46	
		[32173.61]
	Balance	$65.80

The Board adjourned
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[240] Special Meeting In Common Council December 13 1824

Present The Hon[ble] W[m] Paulding Jun[r] Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq[r] Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Tho[s] Bolton
Elisha W King	Sam[l] St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Sam[l] Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	William Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Tho[s] T Woodruff
Geo S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of last regular Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Allen Street between Broome and Delancy Sts was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 10[th] Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Sundry Owners of Wharves praying that the practice of throwing Garbage [242] &c into the river may be discontinued was referred to the City Inspector

A Petition of the Contractors of the Street Manure of first and second Districts stating they are informed a quantity of Manure is required for public purposes and requesting they may supply the same and also requesting that a place for deposite of Manure may be assigned to them, also stating that suits are now pending against them for fines and praying the subject may be referred, was referred to the Lands and places Committee and the Police Committee

* New page, unnumbered and blank.—ED.

A Petition of John Ootthoudt for relief from assessment imposed on him for opening Thompson St. was referred to the Commee on Assessments.

A Petition of Benjamin Marshall for relief from a personal Tax assessed on him—and also for permission to remove the earth from before his premises in 13 St. was read and the first part was referred to the Committee on Assessments and the latter to the Road Committee.

[243] A Petition of Joshua Sutton for appointment to the Office of Measurer of Grain was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Barbary Owens for permission to relinquish the Lease of Cellar under Washington Market was referred to the finance Committee.

A Petition of J Balestier stating he had a Well dug in Beach St. near corner of Varick St. at his own expence and praying he may be permitted to convey Water from the Same into his own premises by means of a Small pipe, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioner to report.

A Petition that the Side Walks in Orange Street be paved from Broome to Prince Street was referred to the Street Committee.

The finance Committee on the petition of John R Murray as Agent for Hannah Murray for an alteration in the description of the Broadway line of a gore of Land sold to A Walker in 1812 reported against the Petition [244] as follows

The finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of John R Murray, who requests the Board to correct what he considers a mistake in the description of one of the boundary lines of a gore of Land Sold by the Corporation to Ann Walker in 1812. The mistake is that the property bounding the Gore on the South, or more properly on the South East, is described as owned by Walter Bowne, whereas Mr Bowne never owned the Same, but it was part of a continuation of Church Street, & is now owned by George Lorillard—The boundary however of the said Gore is correctly bounded on the North by property Sold to Peter Lorillard, and on the West by the line of Canal Street, and on the East, by property of Mrs Walker, and the number of feet and Inches are correctly given on all the boundaries—Under such circumstances, it is manifest that the mear naming of a wrong owner of the property bounding on the South (when all the other descriptions are accurate,) cannot be considered such a mistake, as to require correction in a Deed executed in 1812. The boundaries

are otherwise so sufficiently set forth, and also the Contents, [245] that your Committee deem it altogether unnecessary to do any thing further in the premises.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved. That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Reuben Munson,
William H Ireland
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee on the memorial of John Vanderlyn and on a petition of the Subscribers to the Rotunda for an extension of the Lease of the Rotunda to John Vanderlyn presented a Report against the same as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed memorial and Letter of John Vanderlyn on the subject of the Rotunda, and a memorial of the subscribers thereto—That a renewal of the Lease of the Rotunda is petitioned for—the present Lease expiring on the 1st of May, 1826, It was leased to Mr Vanderlyn for 9 Years, at a nominal rent, although your Committee cannot but favourably appreciate the views of the petitioners, they are of the Opinion [246] that it is inexpedient to grant any extension of the Lease in question. Your Committee cannot either perceive that when the Lease expires, it will be good policy to renew or extend it, upon the existing terms, or upon any other terms—That question must of necessity be reserved for a future Board to determine—but your Committee deem it altogether impolitic at present to renew or extend the Lease, and they therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff.

A Motion was made to lay the same on the Table—which was negatived, the question was then taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee and was carried in the affirmative.

The Committee on Wharves piers and Slips on the petitions of the

Heirs of James Arden deceased, reported in [247] favour of the same as follows, viz,

The Committee on Wharves piers and Slips Report on the annexed petition of the Heirs representatives and Assigns of James Arden deceased, that they have duly investigated and considered the subject referred to them and can see no reason against granting the prayer of the petitioners, provided they sink or cause to be sunk a good and substantial bulk-head in a line with the extreme west ends of Kermets and Edgars piers they therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution

Resolved, That the prayer of the above mentioned petitioners be granted upon the terms stated in the above report.

(Signed) Geo. Zabriskie
Shivers Parker
Wm H Ireland
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the petition of Francis Spicer respecting a Stall in Washington Market claimed by him reported as follows—

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Francis Spicer [248] stating that th[r]ough mistake the License for Stand N° — Washington Market was issued in the name of his son and praying that the same may be corrected

Report, That they are unable to determine whether the Father or Son has the right to the Stand they both claiming it, the license being now in the name of the Son they believe it would be improper to alter it—They beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Wm H Ireland
Philip Hone
Thom[s] T Woodruff

Which was aproved & the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the Resolution submitted to them respecting accommodations for the Fishermen in the Washington Market, presented the following Report.

The Market Committee to whom the annexed resolution was re-

ferred, to enquire into the propriety of erecting a [249] market house for the accommodation of the fishermen of the Washington Market

Report, That the Country part of that Market, altho large and spacious, is too small to accommodate the fishermen and country people resorting there, many of the latter are daily compelled to dispose of their produce in the adjourning Streets, not being able to obtain Stands within the Market House—these circumstances are no doubt well known to many of the Members of this Board—it is therefore not deemed necessary to say more on this branch of the subject.

Your Committee would recommend that a Suitable fishmarket be erected immediately in the rear of the Country market, Over the head of the Slip in conformity with the plan herewith submitted, the whole expence of which will not exceed Six or Seven Hundred dollars, by an estimate made by the Superintendant of repairs.

The following Resolution is submitted for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved, That the Superintendant of repairs under the direction of the Market Committee erect a Suitable fish market over the head of the Slip, in the rear of [250] the Washington Country Market in conformity with the plan herewith submitted

respectfully presented
Shivers Parker
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Philip Hone
Thos T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee presented the following, which was adopted.

The Market Committee respectfully beg leave to recommend that Benjamin M Taylor receive a Butchers License for Stand N° 37 Catharine Market, and for that purpose offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that Benjamin M Taylor be Licensed as a Butcher for Stand N° 37 Catharine Market

respectfully Submitted
Shivers Parker
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Philip Hone
Thomas T Woodruff

[251] The Road Committee presented a Report on the petition of Jacobus Dyckman and others praying for the repairing of the Bridge across Harleam River commonly called the Free Bridge was read and laid for consideration.

The Law Committee on the Communication of the Street Commissioner on the Subject of certain Articles which had incumbered certain Wharves and had been removed by him to the public yard—reported as follows

The Law Committee to whom was referred a communication from the Street Commissioner on the Subject of certain Hhds of paints or some other article incumbering one of the Wharves on the east side of the City—report, That they have examined the subject and the Law relating to the Same, which directs the Street Commissioner to give 24 Hours notice to the owner of the Articles incumbering the Wharf to remove the Same, and in default of such removal to send the same to the Corporation Yard, and advertise and sell the Same to pay the expences of such removal—This Law has been for many years in operation and is very necessary; particularly to the commercial part of the community, in order to give all an equal [*251] opportunity in the use of those places of business—In the present case after diligent enquiry, no owner could be found, on whom to serve the notice—nor could any Agent or person having charge of the Articles be found—In such a Case a Committee are of opinion that the true intent and meaning of the Law is that the best notice shall be given that the nature of the case admits of—The notice in this case was given by placing it on one of the Hhds, or on a post adjoining them, printed in the usual form, quite conspicuous and signed by the Street Commissioner—This in the Opinion of the Committee would be more likely to reach the owner or agent sooner than any other mode that could have been pursued—The Committee cannot believe that a Notice published in any or all of the public Newspapers for 24 Hours would have been preferable, or in general would meet the eye of the owner sooner than the course pursued, besides in the generality of cases, such publications would be an unnecessary expense, which would fall upon Articles often of little [252] value—The Committee are of Opinion that the Street Commissioner acted in the line of his duty, and in pursuance of the spirit and meaning of the Law and his best judgement, and that the Law is sufficient to bear him out in the course which he has taken.

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

The Committee therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner proceed and advertise the Articles in the usual way as directed by the ordinance on that subject; and that he likewise give the owners a written notice of the time and place of Sale, and that unless they call and take the articles and pay the expences which have been necessarily incurred they will be sold accordingly.

Alpheus Sherman
(Signed) Elisha W King
Thos Bolton

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Subject of the Gaol & City prison or Bridewell and for the erection of a new City prison presented *presented* a Report which was read, the consideration postponed and directed to be printed for the use [*254] of the members.

The Attorney presented the following Leases for Lots sold for Non-payments of Taxes.

The Attorney herewith respectfully presents for execution two Leases of the hereinafter described pieces or parcels of land, which were sold for taxes and assessments, on the 12th August 1822, and which have not been redeemed: viz.

1. All those four certain Lots in the Tenth Ward of the City of New York, on the south side of North Street, between Columbia and Cannon Streets, asssesed to William Dawes, sold to Noah Brown for 100 years from 12 August 1824, for $508 $\frac{53}{100}$

2 All those four certain lots in the Said Tenth Ward, on the East Side of Cannon between Stanton and North Streets, assessed to Abijah Pell, sold to Noah Brown for 75 Years from 12th August 1824 for $472.$\frac{34}{100}$

These Leases have been made out under the direction of the Street Commissioner

M Ulshoeffer, Atty.

Whereupon the Leases were directed to be executed.

[255] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting nuisances, viz.

No 1	J Costor	Owner	20	Bancker St	A privy
2	S Duryee	Do	22	Do	"
3	L Tombs	Do	54	Do	"

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

4	H Hanon	Lessee	58	Bancker St	A privy
5	Do	Do	60	Do	"
6	Do	Do	62	Do	"
7	Widow Newton	Do	68	Do	"
8	J P Clements	Do	70	Do	"
9	Ann Hamilton	Do	76	Do	"
10	D OHarraughty	Do	78	Do	"
11	Jn° Fagan	Do	80	Do	"
12	Joseph Hall	Do	82	Do	"
13	G Byrne	Do	84	Do	"
14	Mrs Davis	Do	92	Do	"
15	W Norman	Do	100	Do	"
16	R Williams	Do	118	Do	"
17	J Watson	Do	120	Do	"
18	J Furman	Do	122	Do	"
19	D Stuart	Agent	124	Do	"
20	Do	Do	126	Do	"
21	Do	Do	128	Do	"
22	Widow Buchanan	Owner	132	Do	"
23	M Dollard	Do	136	Do	"
24	[256] Dennis McCarthy	do	138	do	"
25	Ellen Reynolds	do	140	do	"
26	Do	do	140	do	"
27	A Philips	do	142	do	"
28	J Beekman	do	156	do	"
29	Do	do	158	do	"
30	M. C L'Hommedieu	do	164	do	"
31	W Hicks	do	178	do	"
32	D Goldsmith	do	184	do	"
33	J Englesbe	do	36	Pike	"
34	J Pledel	do	38	do	"
35	P Heyden	do	40	do	"
36	Do	do	42	do	"
37	Do	do	44	do	"
38	Do	do	46	do	"

Geo Cuming
City Inspr

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee have authority to consent to an amicable settlement of the question arising upon the Chamberlain's Letter respecting the Tax upon one of the Incorporated Insurance Companies

[257] Alderman Wyckoff also presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That the City Inspector be directed to provide a Suitable place for the Deposite of all such Street Manure, rubbish and other

matter as may be removed from the Streets of this City by reason of the refusal or neglect of the Contractors to remove the Same under the direction of the Committee on Lands and places,

Mr Burtsell presented a Resolution referring it to the Committee on Lands and Places to enquire into the propriety of repairing the fence surrounding the Park in Duane Street Which was adopted.

Mr Cowdrey presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorised to report Warrants on the Order of the Street Inspectors for the amount of the expense of the removal of dirt from the Streets under the late Ordinance for the removal of filth and dirt—Such Warrants to be approved by the Chairman of the Committee on Lands and places.

[258] Mr Cowdrey presented the following preamble and Resolutions, which were adopted.

Whereas, the practice of raising and lowering Goods, Wares and Merchandize, to and from Lofts and Stores, in this City by means of pulleys, tackles, and Windlasses, is dangerous to the Safety and lives of passengers, and such practice is also contrary to an express provision of one of the Ordinances of this Board.

Resolved, that the different Street Inspectors, be and they are directed forthwith to report to the Attorney of this Board. the names of all occupants and persons having Charge of Lofts and Stores in their respective Wards, within the Lamp and Watch Districts, who shall suffer any Cask, bale, bundle, box, or Crate, or any Goods, wares, or merchandize to be raised or lowered into or from, any loft, Store or Room, from or into any Street, by means of a pully, tackle or Windlass

Resolved, That the Attorney of this Board be and he is hereby directed, on receiving such information, from any or either of the Said Street Inspectors, to [259] take immediate measures for enforcing the provision above referred to.

Resolved, That the Clerk furnish each of the Street Inspectors, and the Attorney of the Board with a Copy of this Resolution

Which was adopted and directed to be published in the daily papers of the City

On motion the Committee on the petition of John Haggerty and others praying a repeal of the Law respecting hoisting merchandize in the Streets were requested to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Alderman King presented the following

Resolved, that the Counsel of this Board be instructed to amend the Ordinance in relation to hoisting Goods over any Streets, lanes

or Alleys in this City as to prevent any fixtures over any such Streets &c. for the purpose of such hoisting—which being read was referred to the Committee above mentioned on the Petition of John Haggerty and Others—(viz Street Committee)

[260] Alderman Doughty presented a draught [of] a Law to amend the Law regulating the City Prison and Bridewell by repealing the 12th Section thereof which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[*] In Common Council December 20th 1824.

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor president
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Saml Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	William Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thos T Woodruff
George S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last Special Meeting were read and approved.

A petition of P H Penault an officer of the Corps of Topographical Engineers of the U S Army praying a relief from Tax assessed on him—was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[262] A petition of David Higbie and John Astin Messengers of the Board praying an additional compensation was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Nathaniel Slawson for Appointment of Clerk of Catharine Market or the Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Robert McGill for permission to erect an area in front of his House No 70 Chamber Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Thompson Price for remission of fine incurred by erecting a Stoop in Harman Street It was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Albertson McCoon for relief from fine incurred by

* New page, not numbered.—Ed.

erecting a Stoop in Market Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from Francis Spicer praying he may be heard before the Market Committee respecting the Stall [263] formerly held by him, was read and referred to the Market Committee *respecting the Stall formerly held by him, was read and referred to the Market Committee.*

A Petition of William Wilbers for Stall N° 54 Washington Market at present held by William P Munson who is willing to relinquish the same was referred to the Market Committee

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the account of John Woodward present the following report.

The finance Committee, to whom was referred the account of John Woodward Esqr, Clerk of this County, for services under the Election Law, respectfully report, that the[y] believe the charges in the account are sanctioned by Law, and must therefore be paid, but they are of the Opinion that some of those services might be dispensed with, and that the Law ought to be altered, Your Committee therefore offer, for the consideration of the Board the following Resolutions,

1 Resolved, that the Comptroller audit the Account of M^r Woodward, as rendered

2^d Resolved, that the Subject of [264] altering the Law relative to the duties of the Clerk of the County, under the Election Laws, be referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

(Signed) Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
W^m H Ireland
W^m Burtsell.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The finance Committee to whom was referred the subject of purchasing a Lot of Ground to be appropriated for Engine Houses— reported as follows

The finance Committee to whom was delegated the authority to purchase a Lot of Ground to be appropriated for Fire Engine Houses, respectfully report, that having agreed with Elizabeth Sherman for the purchase of a lot owned by her in the 10^th Ward, on the Westerly side of Chrystie St. 25 feet front and rear, & 100 feet deep, they have accordingly requested the Comptroller to report a Warrant in her favour for $700 the consideration money, which is to be delivered to

her on her executing a proper Deed for the premises to the Corporation, and [265] satisfying an existing Mortgage on the premises, and on the Counsel of the Board being satisfied as to the title—Your Committee therefore Submit the following Resolution

Resolved, that the Counsel deliver the Said Warrant to Mrs Sherman, on her complying with the terms above Stated

Signed, Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The finance Committee to whom was referred the representation of the Chamberlain on the subject of the Tax imposed on Incorporated Companies presented the following report.

The finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed representation of the Chamberlain respecting the Tax on Incorporated Companies, that under the authority given to the Committee at the last meeting of the Board, they have consented to a reference of the particular question arising under the [266] Chamberlains report, the result of which will, when ascertained, be communicated to the Board. But your Committee are well satisfied, from an examination of the existing tax law, as well in respect of incorporations, as of individuals, that it requires amendments, so as to explain more precisely than it does, its true meaning, and to avoid in future, controversies and litigation—The law ought to be more definite and explicit as to the exemptions under it and as to the meetings of the Supervisors in this City and the period during which the Assessments are to be made in the City—It ought also to declare more expressly whether the Companies are to pay a percentage on their Capital, dividends, income or profits, not leaving it subject to doubt and question as the existing Law does; Other amendments ought also to be suggested, which it might be well to incorporate together in a Law, and submit to the Legislature at its next session, The Subject ought generally to be referred to a proper Committee, in order that it may be forwarded to Albany, at as early a period as practicable, Your Committee therefore submit for the consid [267] eration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Subject of amending the existing laws as to taxation, and the assessment and collection of Taxes, be referred to

the Committee on Applications to the Legislature, in order that they may prepare and report the draft of a Proper Memorial and Law, to the Legislature.

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The finance Committee on the Petition of Gulian Ludlow in case of Edward Rogers presented the following Report.

The finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of Gulian Ludlow, That Mr Ludlow has received from England a power of Attorney from James Rogers, the father of Edward Rogers, a seaman, who it seems died on board the Peacock Sloop of War, and whose wages & prize money amounting to $206 28/100 were paid into the Treasury by the public Administrator James Rogers claims to [268] be the next of kin and heir of Edward Rogers. But on examination it appears that on the 14 February 1820. this money was paid to Wm Craig, Merchant, of New York, on his Bond of indemnity, He received it for Alice Rogers the Widow of Edward, by the consent of the devisees of said Edward, It is thus evident that this money had already been paid to the persons properly entitled to it— and that if James Rogers is the father of Edward, he was ignorant, when he sent this power, that Edward had left a Will and a Widow— Your Committee therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
Signed, Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves piers and Slips on the several petitions for Appointment to Office of Inspector of Firewood referred to them presented the following report.

[269] The Committee on Wharves piers & Slips Report on the petitions of Jacob F *Sciscoe* [Cisco], Whitfield Case, Samuel Middleton, Benjamin Sweet, Simon Ackerman, Arnout Brown, John T Blauvelt, John Requa, Jessee Reeve, James Grieg, Eli Chapen, Dunbar

Sloan, John B Pole, Jas Wilsey, Daniel Morgan, William Passman, John Hubbard and Samuel Bell praying to be appointed inspectors of fire wood, that no vacancies now exist in the office of inspectors of fire wood, and that the petitions many of them have been in the hands of the Committee for almost a year, they therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions, and to this end the Resolution following is submitted

Resolved, that the petitioners mentioned in the above report have leave to withdraw their petitions

George Zabriskie
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Shivers Parker
Saml Cowdrey

Which was approved and the resolution adopted,

The finance Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee from the Board of Supervisors in relation to the accounts [270] of the Assessors of the Several Wards, presented the following Report.

The Report of the Committee of the Board of Supervisors was as follows.

The Committee on the Assessors accounts for the Year 1824 report that by the schedule made by the Comptroller it appears that the aggregate amount paid the Assessors in the several Wards in this City in the year 1817 was $2,391.25 Since that period the amount has annually encreased until this year the aggregate sum charged by them is $4,110 thus it will be perceived that in the short space above mentioned their Compensation has been encreased nearly One Hundred per Cent, the Committee are not aware that any Circumstances have occured within that period that would justify such augmentation but on the contrary the necessary family disbursements are less than they were some years since, and it is further believed that the labour especially in the lower Wards has very little if at all increased and that in the upper Wards it has not increased in a relative proportion to the sums charged, while the Committee admit that a just and even liberal allowance ought to be given those [271] gentlemen for their services they are nevertheless constrained to remark that the sum charged the present year is altogether dispropotioned to the duties rendered, but inasmuch as they have been already performed, but more especially as they do not much exceed what they were allowed the last year they would recommend under these circumstances that

their Bills be paid, but at the same time they beg leave to suggest the propriety of having a tariff fixing the compensation of the Assessors embracing a minimum and maximum amount then it will not rest with them to charge whatever they in discretion may deem proper, this however can only be done by an amendment to the Law for the Assessment and Collection of Taxes, an experience of two years has pointed out many imperfections in this Law, to which or some of which the attention of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature has been called by a resolution of the Common Council passed at its late meeting, the Committee as already mentioned are of opinion that an amendment similar to the one above pointed out ought to be applied for at the next session of the Legislature, they therefore in addition to a resolution directing the Assessors bills to be paid recommend [272] the following

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on applications to the Legislature to enquire into the expediency of having the law for the Assessment and Collection of taxes so amended as to embrace a provision by which the Compensation of the Assessors of this City shall be fixed at a sum not less than ———— dollars and not exceeding ———— dollars per Annum

Resolved, That the Bills of the Assessors for the present year be paid

George Zabriskie
(Signed) Shivers Parker
Reuben Munson

The Report of the Committee was as follows. Viz,

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the annexed report made to the board of Supervisors on the 8th Novemr 1824, on the subject of the allowance proper to be made to the Assessors of the respective Wards of the City, respectfully report thereon, that by the Law (2 R L 519 Sec 29) each Assessor is entitled to One dollar and twenty five cents per day for his services; and by the new tax law (46 Sec ch 262) no provision appears to be made on the subject; but the repealing [273] clause of the latter act (Sec 69) does not, in the opinion of your Committee, effect the before mentioned provision as to the allowance to assessors—By the tenth Section of the present tax Law, the assessors between the first days of May and July are to make their assessments and complete them for the Supervisors, on or before the 1st day of August in each year. By a resolution of this Board of the 12 August 1817, it was agreed to allow the Assessors of taxes $2 5/100 per day—Altho this resolution expired, as all

such acts of the Board, in three years—still, as it was intended to put the Tax Assessors on a footing with the Assessors of Wells and pumps, it would seem that they had a right to expect the sum of $2 per day, which is the allowance made to Assessors by the last revision of the Corporation laws (page 122) for assessing repairs of Streets and which required 6 hours service for each day, but that part, as to any number of hours, has been repealed by a subsequent resolution of the board—It thus would appear that the Assessors, by the law, are only entitled to ten Shillings per day; but that they are perhaps [274] equitably entitled to expect two dollars per day for the present year—Your Committee express the latter Opinion hesitatingly, because they are inclined to think that it would at all times be the best policy to make the allowance according to Law, and not to go beyond the Statue, but rather to get the Statute amended if it be unjust or inexpedient, nevertheless, on examining the accounts of the Assessors, your Committee have found that the charges are not in every instance made for days services, but your Committee, under all the circumstances have audited these accounts, agreeably to the schedule herein contained, making the allowances upon the principle of days services, and at the rate of two dollars per day for the present year.

In order however that this subject may be settled for the future, Your Committee have also in the said Schedule proposed a tariff of allowance to be hereafter paid to tax assessors—It will be seen by the Law above quoted, that the Assessors are only limited, in the time of discharging their duties, by the time between the first of May and the first of August, This time, Your [275] Committee think, is more than is requisite; and therefore they would not propose to allow two dollars per day during all that period of time—They think that the time to be allowed ought to be much more limited. In the future allowance or tariff, Your Committee have therefore lessened the amount to be allowed to, and divided between the Assessors of each Ward, being fully convinced that the Assessors need not occupy more time in discharging their duties, than they are allowed for in the tariff now proposed by your Committee. Your Committee have made such an allowance as they conceive would be just, and a fair equivalent for the Services of the Assessors; and if they are unwilling to accept this compensation for all their yearly Services, they can only claim their daily allowance of ten Shillings allowed by the Law

The Tariff of allowance proposed by Your Committee is to be in full of all claims and demands by the Assessors for every service rendered by them as Assessors

[276] Proposed allowance

1st Ward	for 1824		$320	In future	$260
2d	Do	Do	260	Do	260
3d	Do	Do	320	Do	260
4th	Do	Do	288	Do	260
5th	Do	Do	320	Do	300
6th	Do	Do	304	Do	300
7th	Do	Do	260	Do	260
8th	Do	Do	320	Do	300
9th	Do	Do	316	Do	300
10th	Do	Do	320	Do	300
			$3028		$2800

Your Committee therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Comptroller audit the Assessors Accounts agreeably to the tariff and allowance contained in this Report

Reuben Munson
Geo. Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which report was read and approved and the Resolution adopted

[277] The Committee on Lands and places presented the following report, on the subject of the City Burial Ground,

The Committee on public Lands & places, to whom was referred the subject of a City Cemetry or Burying Ground—Report

That the business of preparing and establishing a City burying ground has been during the past season, progressing under the direction of the Committee, and the Superintendant of the Alms House, Mr Burtis, and is now nearly completed.

The Ground selected for this purpose is very eligibly situated, on the middle road on 5th Avenue, about three miles from the City Hall, and lying between the 40th & 42d Streets—It is a pleasant, elevated and airy Situation, and the soil tho' not sandy is a mixture of Clay, marl and Sand, and partakes of the nature of the Island generally

This piece of ground comprises about ten Acres, nearly square, and forms a section of the ground contemplated to be set apart for the purpose of a public cemetry for the present and future accommodation of the City—It is a part of the Common Lands, belonging to the Corporation and therefore the more desireable on that account,

as the purchase of ground from individuals for that purpose, would [278] have been attended with a very considerable expence to the City. Around this section of ground there has been erected, what was indispensibly necessary, a high, strong and at the same time a handsome fence. It consists of a Stone wall laid in lime and pointed four feet and a half high, including the foundation wall, and three feet above the surface of the Earth, two feet thick, and the top covered or coped with cut stone and the whole clamped and leaded through out in the best manner. On the top of this is a strong mortised fence, five feet high, made of Locust posts and the best Georgia pine, turned tops, and finished & painted in a handsome and workmanlike manner. This is completed with four Gates, one on each side made of the above materials, with cut stone pillers & Caps.

The Ground on the west and fronting on the Sixth avenue having been raised presents the whole plot of ground and the fence thereon standing upon a regular inclined plane. This cemetry under the direction and in the charge of a faithful Keeper, living in an adjoining house, lighted at Night with a sufficient number of Lamps, and watched with two or three watchmen, will render it not only a convenient place [279] for interment, but a safe and secure place against all unlawful violations or encroachments

Although the fence has been the principal subject of expence, much has been saved by the employment of the convicts in blasting, digging and doing the labouring work. The 5th Avenue has at the same time been improved and benefited by the removal of a number of rocks; and others will be cleared away in blasting stones for the Vaults and foundations yet to be completed. The Avenue on the West and the Street on the South Side of the enclosure have been filled in to the height of 5 or 6 feet and regulated. The lower side of this ground enclosed along the western side wall has also been filled in comprising a strip of 20 feet in width, across the field, this part & the northerly side of the Ground is very fit, and the most proper part for graves.

Whether it will be advisable to convert the whole ground into vaults, as some have recommended, or a part of it only; or dispose of the ground, in parcels with or without vaults, to families and congregrations will be a subject for further consideration.

The Committee however have prepared a map or plan, which they submit for Inspection, laying the Ground out for Vaults. [280] It gives eight double rows across the field, 30 feet wide, leaving a Space of 20 feet between each. These double rows being divided and separated

will give 180 single vaults 10 feet by 15 in each double row or 1440 in the whole. Those intended as private Vaults may be reduced to nearly half that size.

The Committee have concluded to finish two rows of these vaults, the ground of which is principally dug out for that purpose. They are to be built with stone foundations and the partition walls and arches of brick, and will cost upon an average calculation about 75 dollars for each of the size of 10 feet by 15.

The principal expense attending this burial ground has already been incurred & has amounted to the present time, as will appear by the account Current of the Superintendant of the Alms House, herewith submitted, to $8449.91 of this sum there remains due $3449.91 which will require an appropriation by the Board in favour of the Superintendant to enable him to meet that deficiency.

The only remaining expence will be the completing of the two rows of vaults and the furnishing a number of trees which [281] has been partly engaged at a very cheap and reasonable rate.

The whole ground is to be surrounded with two rows of trees, weeping Willows and Elms alternately placed in two lines along the fence on each side of the square.

The interior walks and ground are to be intersperced with smaller trees and shrubbery; so situated as not to interfere with the intended use of the Ground and at the same time to present an appearance ornamental and becoming a burying ground or cemetry for the City.

The Committee now have under consideration the subject of selecting and setting apart a piece of Ground for a permanent Pottersfield, which in their opinion ought not only to be distinct, but remote from the City Burying Ground.

The present Pottersfield is nearly filled, and by Spring it will be necessary to remove it to some other place—The Committee are in hopes by that time or before to select some suitable place for that purpose to be recommended to the Board for their approbation,

The Committee therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Comptroller report a [282] Warrant at the next meeting of the Board in favour of Arthur Burtis Treasurer for the Balance due on the account hereunto annexed

Sam[l] St John
Alpheus Sherman
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Reuben Munson
Elisha W King

The question being taken thereon it was approved and the Resolution adopted.

Alderman Wyckoff presented Resolutions directing that the Committee on Lands & Places be instructed to discontinue making any further improvements on the City Burial Ground—and also authorizing the Committee to advertise and Sell at public Auction the above ground in such manner as they may deem most advantageous to the public interest.

Alderman King presented the following Resolution, as a substitute for Alderman Wyckoff's Resolution.

Resolved that the Committee on Lands and places be authorised to progress in building a row of double Vaults across the City Burial Ground upon the plan proposed by them, as soon as the season will permit.

[283] Alderman Wyckoff consented to accept of Alderman King's resolution.

The question was taken on the Resolution proposed by Alderman King, and was carried in the Affirmative.

Mr Bolton called for a division the members voted as follows.

Affirmative Mr Recorder Alderm King Seymour Parker Mann Doughty & Munson Mess St John Hone, Cowdrey Burtsell, Conover Cox Sherman & Ostrander 15 votes.

Negative Aldermn Wyckoff Ireland Taylor & Zabriskie Mr Bolton & Woodruff 6 votes.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of John Oothoudt presented a report, together with an explanatory Letter from John S Hunn formerly St. Commissioner, which Report was referred to the Street Committee and the papers alluded to in said Report directed to be placed on file

The Committee on Assessment on the Petition of Robert Le Roy reported against the same as follows.

The Committee on Assessment to whom [284] the following Petition of Robert Le Roy was referred, report that they have met several times for the purpose of considering the subject matter of the said Petition, at each of which meetings Mr Le Roy was directed to be notised in the usual manner, and the messenger states that he has delivered the notices at the residence of Mr Le Roy, That Mr Le Roy not having attended the Committee, & the Committee having uninformation as to the subject of complaint stated by Mr Le Roy, they are compelled at the close of their official duties, for the reasons above stated, independent of any others, to report that in their opinion the

prayer of the petitioner ought to be rejected—They accordingly recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be rejected.

Saml Cowdrey
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Stephen Conover

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward and Street Commissioner on petition for a Well and Pump corner of Amity St and 6th Avenue reported in favour of [285] same as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition for a Well & Pump in Amity Street near the Sixth Avenue, report that in their opinion, the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
R Graves St. Commr

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for repealing the Law respecting hoisting merchandize in the streets reported against the same as follows. viz,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry persons, praying that the Law respecting the hoisting Goods from the Streets in this City, may be suspended or limited to buildings peculiarly circumstanced.

Report, that they have given the subject their deliberate attention, and are of the opinion that the Ordinance complained of is a necessary and salutary Law, and ought not to be compromised or suspended [286] in its operations—and accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Saml St John

Which was approved the Resolution adopted, and was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board

The Street Committee on the petition of Peter Smith that former regulation of Pitt Street may be adopted, reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Peter Smith for an alteration in the regulation adopted for the paving of a part of Pitt Street—Report—that in their opinion the present regulation as shewn on the profile of that Street is the most proper, and ought to be adopted. Accordingly they Offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioner.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
[287] (Signed) Reuben Munson
Saml St. John

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the remonstrance against paving Crosby Street this season reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons against the paving of the side walks in Crosby Street between Grand and Broome Street the present season—Report, that in their opinion the laying of the walks ought not to be postponed and accordingly offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Saml St John

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Chief Engineer presented the following return of Firemen certifying the proper vacancies and they were accordingly appointed.

[288] Fire Warden 5th Ward

John P Bailey, Sugar refiner 162 Church
Vice Richard Jaques, time Expired

Fire Hose Company No 1

Walter B Townsend, Druggist 345 Pearl St.
Vice E. J Moore—Resigned.

Fire Engine Company N° 2

Joshua Warren House Carpenter, 270 Delancy St
Vice John Phillips Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 6

Robert Norris Marble Cutter Cor N[orth] M[oore] & Greenw[h]
John J Berdan Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 14

John C Talman Hatter—64 Vesey St
Vice, John Haight—time Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 22

Andrew Tuley Shoemaker 13 Stanton St.
Vice John Vanhorn Resigned
William D Ivans Ship Carpenter 50 Beaver St
Vice Elephelus Tracy Expelled
Charles Clinton Ship Carpenter 111 Lombardy St
Vice Luke Covert—resigned

[289] Fire Engine Company N° 24

James H Greenfield Clerk 77 Pearl St.
Vice Sam[l] Earle, Term Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 26

Benjamin Sands Grocer Cor Pike & Water
Vice James M Tuthill App[d] Warden
Thomas Jenkins Brass founder 149 Harman
Vice Edward Smylie App[d] Warden

Fire Engine Company N° 27

William Parmly Hatter, 464 Greenwich St.
Vice David Woodruff Resigned
James R Howell Gold Beater 23 Vandam
Vice Joseph Underhill Resigned
William Gesner Ship Carpenter 433 Greenwich
Vice Moses Beadell Resigned
James Scott Stone Cutter Greenwich nr Laight
Vice Azriah Ross Resigned
William French Carpenter Spring St. Vice Isaac Hinds Resigned
Walter McBride, Stone Cutter 172 Duane St.
Vice Albert Berdan Resigned

George W Van Beuren Stone Cutter 8 Clarke St
Vice John Berdan Resigned

Daniel Duryea Carpenter Thompson Vice Isaac Benson Resigned

Simeon Van Winkle Grocer 23 Leonard
Vice, Jotham Garthwait Resigned

[290] Freeman Sperry—Stone Cutter—Greenwich St
Vice Robert Norris—Resigned

Daniel Van Vailer Shoemaker Desbrosses
Vice M Barren—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 38

Daniel S Collier Porter House Bowery Hill
Vice David Robertson Resigned

Augustus Cregier Carver 3d Avenue
Vice Nicholas Tripple Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 39.

John Morange Engraver Liberty St.
Vice John R. S. Huggitt—Resigned

The Attorney presented the following Resolution for opening a New Street in the 7th Ward from Grand to South St.

Resolved, That it is desireable for the public convenience to form and open a New Street in the Seventh Ward of the City of New York to extend from Grand Street to South Street, between Scammel St. and Walnut Street, as the said New Street is laid out on a map shewing the property required to be taken for Opening the same, dated New York December 20th 1824, surveyed by Thomas R Ludlam [291] City Surveyor; and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done, and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court, at its ensuing February term, for the Appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises, in order that the same may be carried into effect

Which resolution was adopted.

He also presented a petition to the Supreme Court, for the Appointing of Commrs of Estimate and Assessment for forming and Opening the said New Street in the 7th Ward—Whereupon the said Petition was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and pump in Amity Street near 6th Avenue, which was passed and Francis Peckwell, Isaac Kipp and Cary Dunn Junr were appointed Assessors

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed, viz.

For Well and pump in Norfolk St. near Rivington St. and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

Also an assessment for regulating and paving Suffolk St. from Delancy to Stanton St. and Morris De Camp was appd Collector.

[292] Also an assessment for regulating and paving Chrystie St. from Delancy to Stanton St. and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances.

No 1	Wm Spencer	Occupant	30	Catharine St	A privy
2	A Smith	Do	32	do	do
3	B Titus	Do	68	do	do
4	J Drake	Do	98	do	do
5	R Baird	Do	100	do	do
6	Sl P Avery	Do	102	do	do
7	D Thompson	Do	56	Cherry St	do
8	C Joslyn	Do	66	do	do
9	P Shonnard	Do	82	do	do
10	W Acheson	Do	88	do	do
11	A Depew	Do	90	do	do
12	Sl Thompson	Do	96	do	do
13	J McFarlan	Do	156	do	do
14	R Baird	Do	158	do	do
15	E *Tillers* [Tullis]	Do	8	Chesnut	do
16	Ann Low	Do	14	do	do
17	J Dayman	Do	26	Harman	do
18	T Wymbs	Do	30	do	do
19	[293] L Bell	Do	32	do	do
20	L Judson	Do	34	do	do
21	J Mansfield	Do	64	do	do
22	Wm Hull	Do	74	do	do
23	S Brown	Do	4	Henry St	do
24	Chs Innes	Do	7	do	do
25	P McGinnis	Do	24	do	do
26	D Peoples	Do	26	do	do
27	Ann Garretson	Do	33	do	do
28	M Cahill	Do	36	do	do
29	D Lane	Do	40	do	do
30	L Ductele	Do	42	do	do
31	J Caharty	Do	44	do	do
32	E Weeks	Do	55	do	do
33	J Baptist	Do	71	do	do

34	E Hilleker	Occupant	74	Henry St	A privy
35	H Turley	Do	75	do	do
36	J Pies	Do	87	do	do
37	T Adams	Do	88	do	do
38	J Town	Do	89	do	do
39	T Ewings	Do	92	do	do
40	C Johnson	Do	94	do	do
41	A Weeks	Do	115	do	do
42	Wm McCarthy	Do	3	James St	do
43	M Bruce	Do	69	do	do
44	M Kelly	Do	75	do	do
45	H Bottles	Do	77	do	do
46	J Arno[l]d	Do	81	do	do
47	J Hagerdon	Do	83	do	do
48	[294] C. Jasper	Do	6	Lombardy St	do
49	J Titus	Do	11	do	do
50	P Williams	Do	16	do	do
51	O McCabe	Do	27	do	do
52	C Boylan	Do	29	do	do
53	A Anderson	Do	30	do	do
54	Ross Duffy	Do	32	do	do
55	J Cockfair	Do	35	do	do
56	R Gildersleeve	Do	52	do	do
57	A Bogie	Do	54	do	do
58	T Lyon	Do	71	do	do
59	T Sharp	Do	75	do	do
60	J Brown	Do	79	do	do
61	J Bird	Do	14	Oak St	do
62	W P Tu[r]nure	Do	22	do	do
63	J Nash	Do	30 & 32	do	do
64	Wm Walsh	Do	34	do	do
65	A Sheffield	Do	13	Oliver St	do
66	J McColgan	Do	15	do	do
67	E Stephenson	Do	17	do	do
68	P McGaviston	Do	19	do	do
69	Wm Graham	Do	28	do	do
70	J Wright	Do	9	Pike	do
71	J Carroll	Do	25	do	do
72	S Thatcher	Do	25	do	do
73	C Clevers	Do	29	do	do
74	J Englesbe	Do	35	do	do
75	A Lunyea	Do	39	do	do
76	Rime Stewart	Owner		Howard	A Lot
77	[295] Richd Riker	do		Mercer St	do
78	H Maxwell	do		do	do
79	J R Livingston	do		Elizabeth St.	do

Geo Cuming
Cy Inspector

A petition for a Well and pump at the head of Chrystie St. was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 10th Ward and St. Commissioner.

A Petition of Henry Camerden for remission of fine incurring by hoisting merchandise in the Street contrary to the Ordinance in that case made and provided, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Wm Clark for relief from penalty incurred by erecting a Stoop further in the Street than allowed by Law, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Ireland to be relieved from the immediate payment of an Assessment for the Opening of Thompson St. he having a larger sum awarded to him for damages on opening said Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

[296] A Petition of Joseph Claghorn for office of Inspector of Firewood was presented and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition

A Petition of Abraham Bro[o]ke and Whitehead Hicks for relief from fine respecting Stoops erected by them in Market St was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Peter G Stuyvesant for compensation for damages occasioned by persons under direction of the Corporation digging out the 3d Avenue, whereby his fencies have been prostrated and the lawn injured, was referred to the Road Committee.

Alderman Taylor presented the following

Resolved, That the Superintendant of Repairs construct and place a trunk of Timber and plank of sufficient dimensions to convey the waters of the Minetto brook from the present tunnel at Fourth St. until it shall intersect the Fifth Avenue at Sixth Street—which was referred to the Canal Committee with powers

[297] The Report of the Special Committee on the subject of the Gaol and Bridewell was called up and read in the words following

The special Committee to whom was referred the resolution on the subject of the Jail, Bridewell, and the erection of a new City Prison, report

That they have given the subject a careful examination, and reflected upon it in the different views in which it has been suggested to their minds, and have finally agreed to submit to the Board for their consideration the outlines of a plan, which has for its object—1st the erection of a new City Prison, to answer both for a Debtor's Jail and Bridewell—2d the enlarging and ornamenting the public prom-

enade ground of the park—3d the removal of the present Jail and Bridewell from the places where they are now situated, and 4th the sale of certain real property now in the occupation of private individuals, to defray all necessary expenses.

The present Jail or building has become old and in a state of decay, and if continued must be new roofed and repaired at considerable expense; it is an establishment unnessarily large for the small number of Debtors usually [298] confined therein, not generally more than Six or Eight, and they for small amounts, it is a fact, that at this present time *that at this present time* there is but one debtor confined in that Jail, and for two days previous it has been entirely empty; a circumstance which perhaps has never before occured. From the prevailing policy pursued by the Legislature of our State, as well as others, on the subject of Insolvent Laws. and the imprisonment for Debt, it is not probable that the number of Debtors usually confined in our jail will increase, but on the contrary may diminish. A few rooms in the wing of a City prison, to be erected, will in the opinion of the Committee answer every purpose of a debtor's jail, and render unnecessary a separate establishment kept up at some considerable expense for that purpose

The present building called the Bridewell, has long been complained or by grand Juries and others, as being too limited and confined, and too deficient in rooms to answer the purpose intended. prisoners committed there of all grades of crime, from grand larceny down to [299] simple misdemeanors and misconduct; old experienced offenders and young boys, are necessarily confined together in the same room; in consequence of which, the latter become initiated into all the various ways and devices of the old and more experienced in crimes and offences. In this situation, so much to be regretted, all the advantages resulting from classifying & separating prisoners, according to their age, characters and offences, with which they are charged and which have been realized in other prisons with so much success, are lost in ours—there is little hope of promoting the great cause of reform, and reclaiming those just entering on the paths of Vice, unless there is a change in this improper mode of confinement. In the building now used as a Bridewell this important object cannot be accomplished.

These two prisons, the Debtors Jail and Bridewell like all other prisons, not situated upon the Water's edge, necessarily become offensive in consequence of the yards, privies and out houses that surround them. They collect together a State of things that continually pre-

sent to the mind the idea of a nuisance. Above all places, the Park, the ornament of the City, should be the last for the location [300] of such establishments. They are incompatible with the idea of public Walks and pure air, so necessary to health, and so highly appreciated by the inhabitants of all compact Cities.

The Committee feeling impressed with the importance of the subject, which is strongly enforced by a variety of reasons, they recommend the building of a City Prison, which will answer every purpose of a Bridewell and a Debtor's Jail; to be located somewhere upon the Edge of the North River, so that all the filth of the Prison be conducted into the Water. Such a location appears to be peculiarly proper; it would not only contribute to the cleanliness of the establishment, but to the health of persons confined within a smaller space, by furnishing a more salubrious and active atmosphere.

It is the opinion of builders who have been consulted, that the materials of the two buildings, would be sufficient to construct the new one contemplated, except such Articles of Wood Work as may have fallen into decay. By using these materials and by the employment of the convicts in doing the labouring work, the expense would be comparatively small [301] probably not more than ten or twelve thousand dollars.

To furnish the ways and means necessary to meet this expence, without adding any thing to the City Debt; and in order at the same time, to enlarge the public Walk or promenade ground of the park, the Committee recommend the sale of the triangular piece of ground, fronting on Chatham Street, between the Jail & free School, now covered with small wooden tenements in the possession of private individuals as tenants at will. The proceeds of this property at public Sale, according to the calculation of the Committee, and according to a plan or Map herewith submitted, will amount to between forty and fifty thousand dollars—leaving a surplus of probably thirty thousand dollars after paying all expences.

The plan proposes running a line from about the centre of the Jail in front, to the North East gate of the Park leading into Tryon Row. That the space of ground on the westerly side, being a strip of about Sixty feet in Width, be thrown into the open ground of the Park, which will be thereby enlarged about 4500 Square feet. That the triangular piece of ground left on the easterly side [302] and fronting on Chatham St. as aforesaid, be sold in lots at public sale as laid out on the plan submitted, which gives six lots fronting in the Park, calculated for Offices. It is proposed that the lots fronting on Chat-

ham Street, be sold in fee without any restriction, except that fire proof buildings be erected thereon within a certain limited time. That the lots fronting on the Park, be sold on perpetual leases or for 99 Years at a nominal rent, which leases are to contain covenants requiring the Lessees to erect thereon a uniform row of Offices, of such materials and upon such plan, as shall be laid down and prescribed by the Street Commissioner, under the sanction of the Board. And prohibiting their being occupied by families, or used for any other purposes than Offices—and also prohibiting the approach to the same, through the Park by Carts or carriages, except for necessary fuel, &c, without the written permission of the Mayor. The Leases not to be assigned or transferred but by the permission of the Common Council.

To bring the whole subject more particularly before the Board for their consideration the Committee submit the following [303] Resolutions

Resolved, That it be referred to a Special committee of this Board, to examine and report a suitable Scite for the erection of a City Prison, to answer for a Bridewell and Debtor's Jail, to be located somewhere adjoining the North & [or] East river, and if practicable, on ground belonging to the Corporation—and also, that they report some suitable place or building to be used as a temporary prison, during the building of the one hereby proposed.

Resolved, that upon such committee reporting a suitable place as aforesaid, the present Jail and Bridewell be taken down, and the materials converted into the building of the New City Prison.

Resolved, That the Comptroller advertise at public sale the lots of ground lying between the Jail and Free School, and fronting on Chatham Street and in the Park agreeably to the Map or plan hereby submitted; the lots on Chatham Street to be Sold in fee, and the others on perpetual leases at a nominal rent, and subject to the covenants as before mentioned.

Resolved, That the Comptroller [304] on or before the first day of February next, give notice in writing to the tenants occupying the ground before mentioned, to quit and surrender up the same on or before the first day of May next

(Signed) Alpheus Sherman
Elisha W King
George Zabriskie
Jacob B Taylor

Upon reading the second Resolution it was proposed to strike out the words "& Bridewell" which was agreed to—the Resolution as amended was then adopted

Mr Sherman then proposed the following Resolution

Resolved, That in order to straighten the line of & widen Chatham Street on the westerly side, a line be run from the north end of the iron railing or fence, in front of the Jail to the corner of Tryon row and Chatham St. stopping at the Free School and the strip of ground or gore contained between said line and the Street be thrown into Chatham Street in order to widen and straighten the same

Which was adopted and became the 3rd Resolution—Upon reading the 4th resolution (the 3d of the Report of the Committee) [305] Alderman King presented a Resolution directing Covenants to be entered in the Deeds and Leases from the Corporation and on their part that the residue of the Park shall forever remain open.

The Recorder also proposed a resolution as a substitute for the 4th Resolution, but before any question was taken a motion was made to adjourn and carried and the President adjourned the Board to meet on Monday next 10 Oclock.

The Comptroller presented the following Report.

Bal. as per Acct 6 Inst	$65.80	
Recd for Tax of 1824. 1. 3. 6. 7 Wards	15.100.	
" Arrears of Taxes	3.226.15	
" Streets	8.012.72	
" Rents	1.389.71	
" Fines &c of Sheriff	237.06	
" Wells & pumps	152.	
" Justices Courts	114.54	
" Mayoralty fees	76.	
		$28.373.98

40 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Conklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark Do 2d do	666.75
Bleakley & Brower Do 3d do	645.75
[306] Wm S Smith Collector City Revenue 1 Qr Salary 22d Inst	250.
Thos Franklin, Chief Engineer Salary 18th Augt to 6 Decemr	150.
John Ritchie preparing Ammunition for Troops 25 Novemr	60.31
Peter Embury 5 Galls. Wine 25 Novemr	20.
James Burns & son Services do	6.
Jas Farquhar 4 bots Sample Wine 28 June	5.25
Geo. H Cooper Hackhire 5 April to 20 Novemr	34.50

M Ulshoeffer for 86 Certificates & 2 Leases. sale of Lots for taxes 10 Novr	266.	
Abrm Leggett supers & Work Mud Machine 12 days to 19 Decr	95.24	
Elizabeth Sherman for a Lot of Ground on Chrystie St. near Stanton St purchased for an Engine House	700.	
Jas Renwick for surveys regulg Streets, between North & 34th Street, from Bowery to East river, balance	700.	
J Culbert Acct. reg & pav Wooster St from Canal to Broome	350.	
[307] C Mooney Acct. repav Chatham St. from Pearl to James St. &c	250.	
A H Mooney Acct. reg & pav Rutgers Slip & part of Cherry Street	200.	
C. Mooney Acct. reg & pav Essex St. from Rivington to Stanton	150.	
H. Smith Acct. repavg Peck Slip from Front to Water Street	100.	
M. DeCamp Corporation Assesmt paving Gouverneur Slip.	745.07	
G Tucker relaying flagging front of City Hall	167.56	
H. Cochran Corporation proportion pav Washington St at Christopher St	61.27	
C Mooney repairs Intersections 6th & 10th Wards	41.67	
G. Tucker repairing Culverts sundry Sewers	25.57	
R Ayres, Earth on bulkhead at Albany Basin	5.33	
J Gallagher bal. on Well Suffolk near Delancy St	58.50	
R Pettigrew Bal on Well Canal near Hudson St	28.75	
G. Tucker bal repairing Wall at Battery &c	162.59	
[308] Geo Bowman Supers at Battery 27 Septr to 2d Decemr	103.	
R. Ayres Work at Battery	16.88	
J Anderson 3d paymt for pier Roosevelt St. basin	1445.	
Isaac Lucas 5th paymt Carpenter's Work Fever Hospital	1000.	
Jacob P Roome Supt Reprs for Fire Depart	1637.	
J P Roome Ditto " pump do	366.	
J P Roome Ditto " Lamp do	247.	
J P Roome Ditto " New Work Shop Public Yard	200.	
J P Roome Supt Repars for repairs Market	150.	
J P Roome Ditto " Watch Houses	40.	
Arthur Burtis Supert Alms House	4400.	
Mechanics Bank. Bond 9 Decr	12.000.	[28364.74]
Balance	Dolls	9.24

The Board adjourned,

[309] Special Meeting In Common Council December 24th 1824

Present The Honble WmPaulding Junr Mayor President
Richd Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistant.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Saml Cowdrey
Geo Zabriskie	Wm Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Thos T Woodruff
Jacob B Taylor	Alpheus Sherman
Geo. S Doughty	Gideon Ostrander
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition for a Well at the junction of Greenwich and Morton Sts was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition for a Well and pump corner of Clarkson and Greenwich St. was [310] referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner

A request of Corns Ray for permission to construct a Vault in Garden Street along his House No 32 William Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 1st Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of James Thompson stating that two Lots belonging to him on Hammond Street had been sold without his knowledge, that he had called and redeemed the same requesting that Seven dollars which was remaining after payment might be returned to him—which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Wm Webbers for Stall No 54 Washington Market reported in favour of the same as follows,

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Webbers praying for a Grant of Stand No 54 Washington Market, now held by Wm P. Munson who is willing to transfer [311] the same

Report that Webber is well recommended, and they see no good reason to withhold the consent of the Common Council to the transfer by Mr Munson of that stand to Webbers—they therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, That William P Munson have permission to transfer

Stand N° 54 Washington Market to William Webbers and that Webbers receive a Butchers License for the same

respectfully submitted
Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
(Signed) Philip Hone
Thom^{s} T Woodruff
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the Petition of Nathaniel Slawson for Office of Clerk of Catharine Market or Inspector of Firewood reported against the same as follows—Viz.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Slawson, praying to be appointed Clerk of Catharine Market or Inspector of Wood

[312] Report that there is no vacancy for either situation, they would therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition, and for that purpose offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

respectfully submitted
Shivers Parker
Tho^{s} Bolton
(Signed) Philip Hone
Tho^{s} T Woodruff
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the request of sundry persons respecting the sewer in Maiden Lane reported as follows. viz,

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry of the owners of property on Maiden Lane requesting that some alterations may be made in the sewer through that Street—Report that they have duly considered the subject, and recommend that their request be complied with, and accordingly offer the following resolution.

[313] Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause such alterations to be made in the Maiden Lane Sewer as may be necessary, under the directions of the Canal Committee

Thomas T Woodruff
Shivers Parker
(Signed) S Cowdrey
T Seymour
Jacob B Taylor

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The unfinished business of last meeting respecting the Report of the Special Committee on the Jail & Bridewell was called up—The substitute for the 4 Resolution proposed by the Recorder at the last meeting was read in the words following.

Resolved, That the land lying between the Gaol & Frees[c]hool, including that on which the Gaol stands, be laid Open and form hereafter a part of the Park

A motion was made to postpone the consideration of the same until the first monday in January next which was lost—The question was then taken on adopting the substitute proposed by the Recorder and it passed in the Negative—a division having been called by Alderman Parker the members [314] voted as follows.

Negative Alderm[n] Wyckoff. King Ireland, Seymour Zabriskie, Mann Taylor, Munson Mr Bolton, St John Hone, Cowdrey Burtsell, Woodruff Sherman Ostrander 16,

Affirmative M[r] Recorder Alder[n] Doughty & Parker M[r] Conover 4

The 4[th] Resolution was then read in the words following.

Resolved, that the Comptroller advertise at Public Sale the lots of ground lying between the Jail & Freeschool and fronting as designated in the proceeding resolution, and in the Park agreeably to the Map or Plan hereby submitted or such other plan as the Common Council may adopt, the Lots in Chatham Street to be sold in fee according to this Report, and the others on perpetual Leases at a nominal rent and subject to the covenants as before mentioned, The question being taken on agreeing to the same it was carried in the affirmative. The Recorder requiring the Ayes and Noes the Members voted as follows,

[315] Ayes Ald. Wyckoff King Seymour Zabriskie, Mann, Taylor Munson Mr. Bolton. St John. Hone Burtsell, Woodruff, Sherman and Ostrander—14.

Noes. M[r] Recorder Ald. Ireland Parker Doughty M[r] Cowdrey Conover. 6

Alderman King withdrew the Resolution presented by him at the last meeting—The Fifth Resolution was then read in the words following

Resolved, That the Comptroller on or before the first day of February next give notice in writing to the Tenants occupying the ground before mentioned to quit and surrender up the same on or before the first day of May next—Which was adopted.

Alderman Doughty moved that the Report of the Road Committee on the petition of Jacobus Dyckman and others respecting the Bridge

over Harleam Creek, called the free Bridge be now called up, which was agreed to, the same being read was as follows

The Road Committee, to whom was referred the annexed petition of Jacobus Dyckman, and others, praying the Common Council to repair the Bridge across Harlaem River, commonly called the free [316] Bridge.

Report, The Bridge which the petitioners pray to be repaired connects the island of New York with that part of West Chester County lying on Harleam river called the "Manor of Fordam," and is a short distance from the Mouth of "Spyt den Duyvel" creek, through which the waters of said river flow into the Hudson.

This Bridge was erected about Sixty years ago by individual subscription, to avoid the unjust exactions of the proprietors of Kings Bridge—But during our struggle for independence it was destroyed by the enemy, to prevent the passage of the American Army across the river, the passage of the other bridge being defended by a redoubt. Ten or twelve years since however, the inhabitants in its vinicity raised another subscription and rebuilt it, at an expence as your Committee are informed, of about One thousand dollars, and have kept it in repair at their own cost, excepting the appropriation made by this Board three or four years ago of Two Hundred dollars, twenty of which remain unexpended. [317] It is now in such a state of decay that it cannot be passed without great danger, and humanity at least requires, that it should be immediately and substantially repaired, or that it should be entirely removed, that the safety of travellers who do not know its situation may not be endangered, It is virtually the property of the Corporation, as the sovereignty of that Body over Harleam river to low water mark on the Northern or west Chester side of it, has never been disputed, and from the circumstance of its forming part of a highway belonging to the City, it would seem to be the duty of this Board to keep it in repair, and your Committee perhaps might with propriety so have viewed it, and have exercised the discretion in regard to the Bridge, with which they are impliedly invested in relation to roads. But they deemed it the most prudent, as well as the most correct course to submit the subject to the consideration of the Common Council

Your Committee are informed that there is considerable travelling over this bridge, that the inhabitants of a large district of West Chester County, pass it, [318] with produce for our Market. If so may it not in time be productive of the most beneficial effects, by reducing the price of such vegitables as come daily to our City. For it cannot be

denied that a toll bridge is a tax on all the produce which pass over it, and which the consumer has to pay, if therefore the produce which crosses Harleam river, and reaches our Markets by land, came toll free, it could be afforded, and would be sold at a less price than it now is.

Your Committee cannot forbear remarking that this Bridge is the only one over which our citizens can pass from the island without paying tribute to the monopolizers of Legislative *biberality*, [liberality] and happily for us, and for those who have occasion to visit our City frequently, the maintaining of this bridge does not interfere with any of the chartered priveleges which have been dealt out so unsparingly.

It is estimated by the Street Commissioner, that the cost of rebuilding the bridge will be about five Hundred dollars. But the petitioners propose to [319] obligate themselves to construct a Safe and substantial bridge, and to keep it in a good state of repair for Seven years, if the Common Council will now appropriate Two hundred and Eighty dollars towards that object, This proposition is, in the opinion of your Committee, not only fair but liberal, as it would be dividing the expense between the Common Council, and the petitioners, They do therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved, That Two Hundred and Eighty dollars be appropriated towards rebuilding and keeping in repair the bridge across Harleam river known by the name of the free bridge, and that the Comptroller be instructed to draw a warrant on the Chamberlain for that sum—to be placed in the hands of the Street Commissioner, and to be by him paid over to the petitioners, or to such person, or persons as they shall authorise to receive it, upon their executing a contract, to rebuild in a safe and substantial manner the aforesaid bridge, and to keep the same in repair for the space of Seven Years.

Submitted by

Geo. S Doughty
[320] Alpheus Sherman
(Signed) Shivers Parker
Jacob B Taylor

The question being taken on agreeing to the same it passed in the Negative

Alderman Doughty gave notice that he would at the next meeting move for a reconsideration.

The Board adjourned

[321] Special Meeting. In Common Council December 27th 1824

Present The Honble William Paulding Junr Mayor Prest
Richd Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thos T Woodruff
Elisha W King	Saml St John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Saml Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	Wm Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thos T. Woodruff
George S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Application for Office presented the following report,

The Committee on applications for Office beg leave to report and offer the following Resolution. that whereas there are no vacancies at present in the following Offices [322] the Applicants have leave to withdraw their Petitions.

(Signed) T. Seymour
Jameson Cox

Weigh Masters
Reuben W Folger
Jacob A Roome
Wm D Crolius
James C Boggs
Ezekiel Mills

Measurer of Coal
Benj E Valentine

Measurer of Lime
Joseph Crowell
Saml D Thorp

Measurer of Grain
Job Hopkins
Saml Westervelt
Thaddeus W Bennett
Lewis Whitney
Joseph Sutton

City Guager
John E Nexen

Inspectors of Lumber
Leonard K Smith
Hosea Dodge
Jacob C White
John J Morris
John L Everitt

Sealers Weights & Measrs
Joseph Spencer
John Bertine

Inspectors of Manure
Mott Hicks
Thoms Dunsmore
J Loofborrow
R. Sneeden
Jno L Clark
A Vermilyee
A D Brinkerhoff
Saml Loyd

Keeper of City Hall	for Some Office
J P Roome	Gershom Mills
Ezra Froost	James Heath
Cyrus Bedell	Saml A Savage
Saml Bunting	Saml Holmes

[323] Assistant City Inspector

Joseph S Simpson	John White
Wm A Hardenbrook	Andrew Seymour
I A Isaacs	James Ackerman
Isaac Loofborrow	Saml Hutchins
Ephraim Clark	Thomas Roome
Peter Oglevie	Christopher Brown

Which Resolution was adopted

Alderman Seymour presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, that the present Members of this Board be presented with the 6th Volume of the Laws of the State bound and lettered to correspond with the other volumes in exchange for detached and unbound parts of the same which they have already received

The minutes were then read and approved.

This being the day prescribed by Law for the newly elected Members to be sworn into Office the following Gentlemen attended [324] and took the oath of Office prescribed by the Constitution in the presence of the Common Council, excepting Mr Burtsell Assistant of the 5th Ward who having been adjudged by the Dicision of the Common Council to hold his Office until the next Election did not take the Oath of Office.

The late Members then retired, and the newly elected Members took their seats and the Board was formed as follows.

The Hon Wm Paulding Junr Mayor Prest
Richd Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thoms Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Saml Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	Wm Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Danl E Dunscomb
Wm A Davis	Effingham Schieffelin
Gideon Ostrander	Wm F. Rathbone.

The Assessors who were sworn into Office were John Leonard of

the 2d Ward, Saml Leggett & Lewis Seymour of the 4th Ward and Isaac J Lockwood of the 6th Ward,

[325] The Constables appointed agreeably to the return of the Clerk of the City took the Oath of Office.

The following Rules and Orders were adopted as the Rules for the conduct of business at Meetings of the Common Council, the consideration of a rule respecting the Mayor's being a Member of each Standing Committee, was laid for consideration

Rules and Orders of the Common Council of the City of New York.

1 Upon the appearance of five Aldermen and five Assistants, the Mayor, or in his absence the Recorder, shall take the Chair as President, and the Members be called to order.

2 Immediately after the President shall have taken the Chair the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read by the Clerk, to the end that any mistake therein may be corrected by the Board.

3. The President shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board.

4, The President shall in all cases be entitled to one vote and no more.

5. Every member, previous to his speaking, shall rise from his Seat, and address himself [326] to the President.

6 When two or more members shall rise at once, the president shall name the member who is first to Speak

7. No person shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Board, nor more than once until every member choosing to speak, shall have spoken.

8, No question on a motion shall be debated or put, unless the same be seconded, When a motion is seconded, it shall be stated by the president before debate, and every such motion shall be reduced to writing, if any member desire it.

9. After the motion is put by the president, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Board, but it may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

10 When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless—1. To amend it. 2 To commit it. 3. To postpone it. 4. For the previous question. or 5 To adjourn.

11 A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

12. The previous question, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and [*] debate of the main question, and shall be in this form—"shall the main question now be put."

13, Every member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote for or against the same, unless the Board shall excuse him, or unless he be immediately interested in the question, in which case he shall not vote.

14. A member called to order, shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Board if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate, if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to

15. All questions shall be put in the order they are moved, except that in filling up blanks, the largest sum, and the longest time shall be first put.

16, Upon a division in the Board, the names of those who vote for, and those who vote against the question, shall be entered upon the Minutes, if any two Members require it.

17 In all divisions taken by the Board it shall be the duty of the Clerk, to enter on the Minutes, the name of the member calling for the division

18. No motion for reconsideration shall be [328] in order, unless made at the same meeting, or in pursuance of notice then given for the next meeting after that on which the decision proposed to be reconsidered took place, except by unanimous consent.

19. All appointments of Officers shall be made by ballot, unless dispenced with by the unanimous consent of the Board, and a majority of the whole number of votes shall be necessary to Constitute a choice

20 No member shall absent himself without permission from the President.

21 All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Committees appointed to report on any subject referred to them by the Board, shall report a state of facts, and also their opinion thereon in writing; and no report shall be received unless the same be signed by a majority of the Committee.

22. Whenever the doors are directed to be closed, all persons excepting the members, and the Clerk of the Common Council, shall retire.

23 A motion for the order of the day shall take precedence of

* New page, not numbered.—ED.

all other motions and is to be considered immediately after the reading of petitions and original communications

24 [329] Every petition, remonstrance, or other written Application, intended to be presented to the Common Council, is to be delivered to the Mayor or any other member of the Board, on any day, but not later than 4 Oclock on the day on which the Common Council convenes, except on extraordinary occasions, & the Mayor or other Member to whom it shall be given, Shall examine the Same, and endorse thereon the name of the applicant, and the substance of such application, and Sign his name thereto, which endorsement only shall be read by the President, unless a member shall require the whole to be read.

25 The Standing Committees shall be as follows.

1	Applications for Office,	11	Laws
2	Applications to Legis[lature]	12	Markets
3	Assessments	13	Police
4	Arts & Sciences	14	Public Lands & places
5	Canal	15	Public Offices
6	Charity	16	Repairs
7	Ferries	17	Roads
8	Finances	18	Streets
9	Fire Department	19	Watch
10	Lamps	20	Wharves piers & Slips

Those on Applications, Arts & Sciences, Ferries, fire Department, Lamps, Laws, Repairs & Charity, shall consist of three, and the others five

[330] His Honor the Mayor upon motion made and agreed to proceeded to appoint the Standing Committees for the year when the following were appointed and the Clerk was directed to have the same printed for the use of the Members.

1 Applications to the Legislature
Mr Burtsell
" Hone
" Bolton
Ald. Taylor
Mann

2d Applications for Office
Ald Reed
Mr Cox
" Schieffelin

3d Arts & Sciences
Mr Dunscomb
" Hedden
Ald Davis

4 Assessments
Mr Hedden
" Dunscomb
Ald Wyckoff
" Cowdrey
" Davis

[331] 5 Canals
Mr Agnew
" Rathbone
Ald. Taylor
" Webb
" Reed.

6 Charity
Mr Schieffelin
Cox
Burtsell

7 Ferries
Mr Rathbone
Ald Mann
" King

8 Finance
Ald Mann
Ireland
Wyckoff
Cowdrey
Mr Burtsell

9 Fire Department
Ald Wyckoff
" Ireland
Mr Agnew

10 Lamps
Ald. Ireland
" Ostrander
" Webb

11 Laws
Ald Cowdrey
" King
Mr Bolton

12 Lands & places
Mr St. John
Burtsell
Schieffelin
Ald Wyckoff
" Ostrander

13. Markets
Mr Hone
" Bolton
Dunscomb
Ald Ireland
" Reed

14 Police
Mr Bolton
" St John
" Hedden
Ald. Cowdrey
" Davis

[332] 15 Public Offices
Ald. King
" Taylor
" Cowdrey
Mr Cox
" St John

16 Repairs
Ald Ostrander
" Webb
Mr Cox

17. Roads.
Ald Davis
" King
" Taylor
Mr Rathbone
" Agnew

18 Streets
Ald Taylor
Mann
Ostrander
Mr Hone
St John

19 Watch
Mr Cox
" Hone
" Burtsell
" Rathbone
" Hedden

20 Wharves & piers
Alden Webb
" Ireland
" Mann
" Reed
Mr Agnew

Special Committees

1 Battery
Ald. Wyckoff
Mann
Ireland
Webb
Mr Rathbone

2d Fever Hospital
Ald. Wyckoff
Mann
Taylor
King
Davis

3d Water
His Hon. the Mayor
Ald Wyckoff
Cowdrey
Mr Hone
" Burtsell

[333] 4th Jail & Bridewell
Ald King
" Taylor
" Mann
" Reed
Mr Hone

A Petition of Stephen Conkling requesting the Common Council to Lease to him a Lot at the foot of Albany Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Elijah and Joshua Secor was received stating that they have invented a revolving *which* [wheel] mooved by Clock work which they have called wheels of Fortune—These they have placed over Lottery Offices in Chatham Street and Broadway—The Petitioners believe that they are in no wise incommoding to passengers, but are considered ornamental and curious—but Complaints have been [made]

against them as projecting further into the Street than allowed by Law —They therefore pray a reference of the subject and if they should be deemed as contrary to Law, that some short time may be given to them to remove them, and that the prosecution against them may be discontinued, the same having been read was referred to the Street Committee.

[334] A Memorial was received from John Stevens Esq^{r} stating that he has taken out a patent for a new and useful improvement in the mode of constructing Rail Roads, the principal object of which is. the substitution of Granite, or other hard stones in the place of what are called "Tramplates" made of cast iron for the wheels of carriages to run on, Petitioner considering it an invention of great public utility requests the attention of the Corporation thereto— Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Petition of Uriah Rider for Office of Keeper of Pottersfield, was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A Letter was received from William Schureman tendering his resignation of the Office held by him as Keeper of Pottersfield which was read and laid for consideration

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, Viz.,

No 1	[335] Peter Ogilvie	Owner		Willet St	A Lot
2	J D Meyer	Do		Do	Do
3	T F Delaplaine	Do		Rivington St	Do
4	J R Livingston	Do		Mott St	Do
5	Do	Do		Elizabeth St	Do
6	Wm D Blackwell	Do	428	Broad Way	A privy
7	Do	Do	430	Do	do
8	Do	Do	432	Do	do
9	Henry Rutgers	Do	45	Catharine	do
10	Do	Do	47	Do	do
11	Henry Hanan	do	55	Do	do
12	Saml Marvin	Do	57	Do	do
13	John Mason	Do	57	Cherry	do
14	J Post	Do	69	Do	do
15	Do	Do	71	Do	do
16	Saml Purdy	Do	83	Do	do
17	Do	Do	85	Do	do
18	M Smith	Do	113	Do	do
19	D Baker	Do	21	Chesnut	do
20	W Baker	Do	291	Front	do

21	Wm D Blackwell	Owner	37	Howard	A privy
22	F Seeley	Do	88	James	do
23	A Kerr	Do	1	Oak St	do
24	Do	Do	3	Do	do
25	Mrs Bunker	Do	15	Do	do
26	L Toole	Do	23	Do	do
27	H Van Pelt	Do	27	Do	do
28	A Slote	Do	31	Do	do
29	W & G Post	Do	33	Do	do
30	[336] A Swarts	do	5	Pike St	do
31	Do	do	5	Do	do
32	N Prime	do	4	Roosevelt	do
33	T H Nicholl	do	8	do	do
34	T H Jones	do	11	do	do
35	Mr Drake	do	47	do	do
36	M Linningham	do	50	do	do
37	C Gallow	do	51	do	do
38	S Kneeland	do	57	do	do
39	Jas Hunt	do	325	Water	do
40	Do	do	331	do	do
41	S Thorne	do	339	do	do
42	J Clark	do	343	do	do
43	Do	do	343½	do	do
44	Wm Baker	do	347	do	do
45	Do	do	349	do	do
46	S Kelly	do	357	do	do
47	Do	do	359	do	do

Geo Cuming
City Inspecr

Alderman Mann presented the following

Resolved. That Tryon Row be widened by adding Ten feet on the South west side begining at Chatham St. and extending to the West line of Cross St. which was referred to the Street Committee

[337] Alderman Ireland presented a Resolution directing a suspending of the Resolution for building 180 Vaults at the City Burial Ground, and directing ten to be built and advertised for Sale—which was laid for Consideration

Upon motion of Alderman Wyckoff the Clerk was directed to furnish the newly elected Members of the Board with a set of the Laws of the State—a Copy of the Charter & Ordinances of the Corporation and Prior & Dunnings Map of the City

The Superintendant of Repairs was directed to furnish to them their Staves of Office.

Alderman King presented a Resolution directing a Committee to

ascertain the cause of the non attendance of a portion of the assessors this day to qualify according to Law. and

Mr Hone presented a Resolution as a substitute directing the Clerk to give those assessors who have not appeared Notice to appear at next meeting or to offer their reasons for declining to do so—both of which Resolutions were laid for consideration

[338] An Invitation from the Trustees of the House of Refuge for Juvenile Delinquents to attend on Saturday next at 10 Oclock at the opening of the House was presented and accepted

The Board adjourned

[339] In Common Council January 3rd 1825

Present The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President
Richd Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thoms Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Saml Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Danl E Dunscomb
Willm A Davis	Wm P Rathbone.
Gideon Ostrander	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

A Petition was received from Nathaniel Lawson for Office of Keeper of Potters field which was referred to the Committee on Lands and places

A Similar Petition from Joseph M Thomas was referred to the same Committee

[340] A Similar petition from James Felan was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from Cornelius Myers was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from Ephraim Beeman was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from James Gilbert was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from John Hastings was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from Leffert Lefferts was referred to the same Committee

A Similar Petition from Daniel H Magee was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from John F Rague was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from Abraham Passman was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from Nathan Dusenbury was referred to the same Committee.

[341] A Similar petition of Theodorus Sutton was referred to the Same Committee.

A Similar petition from John Webber was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from John Requa was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from Samuel Lyon was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from James Jones was referred to the same Committee.

A Petition from William Freeman to be continued in the Office of Measurer of Seal Coal, having been appointed thereto in the year 1818 and regularly acted therein and made his Returns to the City Inspector but not knowing of the Resolution directing him to report himself to the Clerks Office did not perform that duty which being read was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Similar petition from Thomas Bartow to be continued as a Guager, was referred to the same Committee.

[342] A Petition of Luke Kip stating that a Road leading from Harleam Commons to Coles's Bridge has been shut up by some persons unknown to Petitioner and praying the same may be opened was referred to the Road Committee

A petition of Wright Carpenter for Office of Keeper of the Park was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places.

A petition of Owners of property in Front Street between Coentis and Old Slip stating they have recently had said Street repaved and praying the same may be kept hereafter in repair by the public agreeably to the Law lately passed was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Owners of property fronting on Pearl St. between Broad St. and Old Slip praying the Street may be improved by adding thereto all the ground belonging to Individuals lying South of a Line

from the N Easterly corner of Pearl St and Coenties lane to the South Westerly Corner of the lot fronting on Pearl St owned by Mr John Gardner, which being read was referred to the Street Committee

[343] A Petition of John P Groshon for relief from fine incurred by hoisting Grain from the Street into his Malt House—Which being read was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Henry J Wyckoff was received stating he is owner of Ground adjoining the Engine House on Beaver St and wishing to build requests permission to bring out the front of his Building on a line with the other Buildings above or below on Broad St. and also to raise the Easterly gable Wall of the Engine House—Which was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Stephen Goold to transfer Lease of the Lot corner of Wall & Broad St was referred to the Finance Committee

A petition of John K Townsend Lessee of District N° 1 & 2 of Public Wharves & Slips was received stating that by the passage of the Law altering the rates of Wharfage he has sustained great losses and praying relief—was referred to the Finance Committee

[344] A petition of James Devoe for relief from fine for not moving his Fish Stand in conformity with the order of the Dep. Clerk of Spring St Market—was referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of Joseph Spencer for Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A petition of Silas E Burrows to have a Wharf assigned for the use of the Steam Boat New London was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A petition that the names of the Streets where Lamps are placed may be painted on the Lamps in those Streets, was referred to the Lamp Committee

A petition of John Moore to be licensed as a Butcher and to have Stall N° 15 Catharine Market Assigned to him—was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of John Mann Junr to have refunded to him Seven Dollars paid by him on Assessment for Taxes which was more than was due thereon—was [345] referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Joshua Sutton for Office of Measurer of Grain, was referred to the Committee on public Offices

A petition from William Shepherd for some relief for injuries sustained while performing his duty as a Watchman—was referred to the Watch Committee

A Communication was received from John Woodward Esq[r] Clerk of the City & County stating that in his opinion the Law requires that the Roll of Oaths of the Mayor & Alderman of this City should be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the City and County—the same having been read was referred to the Committee on Laws

A petition from a number of Inhabitants of the 10[th] Ward stating that in consequence of the encreased population of that Ward it becomes necessary that the said Ward should be divided into Two Wards and praying the Common Council to take measures to that effect was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

[346] A petition from a number of Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Eastern section of the City was received stating that there is a large and spacious piece of ground at the front of Corlears Hook extending from Corlear's Street to the East river now unoccupied by Buildings and well suited for a Park or open square and praying measures may be taken to cause the same to be procured and laid out for a Park or open square, which being read was referred to the Street Committee.

A Report was received from the Clerk of the Common Council of the names of persons heretofore appointed to Office. who did not appear on the 31 December to take the Oath of Office agreeably to the Resolution of the Board—which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

Applications were also received from the following *the following* persons holding public Offices and [who] from sundry causes had not taken the Oath of Office on the said *said* 31[st] Decem[r]

Viz Inspectors of Firewood

John Covert, John Smith, Abr[m] Van Osdal and William Van Wert.

Measurer of Grain

George Harsin

[347] City Weigher

Eleazer Jones

Whereupon the same were referred to the Committee on Public Office.

A Memorial was received from the Trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church stating that if the Corporation were disinclined to repeal the Law relative to Interments, they were willing to refer the subject of dispute between them and the Corporation to a Committee

of the Corporation and certain other referies and on certain conditions —Whereupon on reading the same It was Resolved, that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw there Petition.

A Letter was received from the Treasurer of the New York City Dispensary requesting payment of the usual allowance of $500 to that Institution—Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Communication was received from Jeromus Johnson on behalf of a Committee of the Grocers of the City transmitting a Copy of a Resolution of the Chamber of Commerce "recommending to the Mer- "chants and Grocers of the City, to introduce from and after the "[348] first of January the practice of buying & Selling by the "Quintal of 100 lbs those articles which it is now usual to buy and "sell at the quintal of 120 lbs and by the Ton of 2000 lbs those articles "which are now bought and sold by the Ton of 2240 lbs

And the Communication requested the Corporation would regulate the Standard of Weights for 5. 10. 20. & 50 lbs to facilitate the business of the City—which having been read was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Letter was received from James R Manley stating that he claimed his seat at the Board as the Assistant of the 5th Ward duly elected by a Majority of the Votes of the qualified Electors and that he was ready to produce the evidence when and where the Board may direct—Which having been read was referred to the Committee on Laws

A Report was received from the Revd John Stanford giving an account of his services in preaching the Gospel in the various Departments of the Bellevue Establishment at the Bridewell & Debtors Prison, the same was referred to the Committee [349] on Public Offices with authority to cause the same to be printed

A Resolution was received from Peter F Cisco Inspector of Weights & Measures which was directed to be filed.

The Comptroller presented his Annual Report containing a statement of the Receipts and Expenditures for the Year 1824 and the Account of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund

Annual Report.

The Annual Report of the Comptroller, is respectfully presented to the Common Council, containing a Statement of the Receipts and payments for the Year 1824; and the account of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, for the same period. A Balance sheet for the year past,

Balance in the Treasury Decr 31. 1823	$28.460.27
Received Ditto to Decr 31. 1824	877.426.83
	905.887.10
Paid out on 1551 Warrants	903.557.86
Balance in the Treasury Decr 31. 1824	$2.309.24

The Commissioners of the Sinking fund, have purchased during the year Six per Cents $6.000.00

[350] City Debt.

Total Amount 6 per Cents	$900.000.
Ditto 5 per Cents 1820	200.000.
Ditto 5 per Cents 1821	200.000.
	$1.300.000.
Bonds issued from 28 Septemr to 31st December 1824	24.300.
	$1.324.300.

Purchased by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to 31 December 1824

Six per Cents	$192.600.00	
Five per Cents of 1820	81.500.00	
Five per Cents of 1821	48.200.00	
	322.300.00	
Cash	55.927.03	
		378.227.03
Total amt City Debt, Decemr 31. 1824		$946.072.97

As the City Stock and such other as the Commissioners of the Sinking fund are authorised by a Law of the Corporation to purchase, were seldom in the Market during the Year, and almost always at a rate higher than the Commissioners judged to be beneficial to purchase; they thought it most advisable to place the revenue under their controul, at interest. The above sum of $55.927.03 including Interest to the first day of December. One thousand Eight hundred and twenty four, remains at their disposal

[351] This amount, which may be considered equivalent to the like sum of City Stock purchased, is added thereto; and there appears to be $132.342.71 less of City Debt, on the 31st December 1824 than there was exhibited in the last Annual Report.

Additions to the sinking Fund, are made weekly, from the sources

designated by Law, and the above mentioned arrangement may be continued, until the public Interest will warrant the purchase of Stock.

The Six per Cents may be redeemed at the close of the Year 1826, and it will depend on existing circumstances at that time, whether it will be best to sell certain portions of public property, or to negotiate a new loan for its redemption.

The value of real Estates, and the rate of Interest at which money may be obtained, would probably determine at that period, the wisest course to be pursued.

The Commissioners are annually diminishing the City debt, by means appropriated for this purpose; and should no extraordinary expenses be incurred, beyond the avails of the Taxes and Revenue derived from Corporation property, including sundry miscellaneous payments from various sources, the most beneficial results as to the reduction of the debt [352] may be confidently expected.

Several defects have been experienced in the operation of the Act of the Legislature for the Assessment and Collection of Taxes, passed. April 23d, 1823—which have, on the suggestion of the Board of Supervisors, been communicated to the Comptroller of the State. As some of them are peculiarly applicable to this City, and materially affect our fiscal concerns, it is important that alterations should be obtained at the present session of the Legislature. The Committee having the charge of forwarding proposed Laws and amendments, applicable to this City, will no doubt give this subject its proper direction. A considerable delay arises every year in the Collection of Taxes, which is not attributed to neglect or want of exertion on the part of Collectors, but many persons postpone a final settlement as long as possible; by which a loss accrues to the public, from the Corporation being necessitated to make loans in anticipation of the Tax

This subject has been formerly brought to view, and it is considered of sufficient consequence again to recommend a measure, which would be equitable and just in its operation, and supersede the necessity of [353] *of* borrowing money on interest, to the extent practiced for some years past.

The Assessment Books are generally placed with the Collectors by the middle or latter part of October, and they have until the Second Monday of May to collect, & settle with the Treasurer

It is proposed that all Taxes over a certain sum to be designated, which are not paid before the 1st day of February, should bear Interest at the rate of 6 per Cent Per Annum. The sum thus raised by Interest, would indemnify the Treasury for that accruing on temporary loans,

or the measure would induce more punctuality in the payment of Taxes when they are due

An Alteration of the time for making Assessments was also suggested, in consequence of many individuals removing from the City before the Assessors commence their business. If this was to take place in February, and the Collection of the Tax completed during the Year, it is thought that many advantages would result from the change.

The objections to this amendment have been anticipated, and duly considered; and the benefits to arise from altering the time of Assessments, are supposed to preponderate [354] in favour of the Measure.

The Annual Tax of Twenty five Thousand Dollars for the Battery, might conveniently be diminished, if not total dispensed with in future, unless some further improvements, embracing a large expense, are contemplated.

A Computation will be prepared and submitted, as early as possible, of the probable Receipts and Expences of the present year, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of Tax proper to be applied for. Estimates from several official sources, of expenses likely to be incured, will be requisite to form the intended Schedule.

As there are some improvements in progression, and others contemplated, which are yet uncertain as to their extent of Cost, any prospective calculation will necessarily be imperfect.

It is thought, however, from a cursory view of all the subjects likely to be embraced in the operations of the Common Council, connected with the Finances of the City, that the present amount raised by Tax, will be sufficient to meet the demands of the current Year

Respectfully Submitted

G N Bleecker, Comptroller

[355] Cash Account for the Year 1824

Dr.

For Balance in the Treasury as per last Account dated 31 Decr 1823	28.460.27
Amount of receipts into the Treasury, under the following heads.— viz—Alms-House-Bridewell & penitentiary, for Labours of paupers & prisoners in the Pin Factory.....	792.58
Streets, for Opening, widening, improving, regulating & paving, including Sewers	146.338.34
Bonds payable, for amount borrowed on twelve Bonds.....	197.200.
Interest Account, for Interest on Bond, and on Arrears of Taxes, Assessments &c	3.927.95
Docks & Slips, for Work done with Mud Machine, account for building Bulkhead and for Rent.....	29.808.87

Courts, Fines & Fees from Sheriff, District Attorney, Clerk of Sessions, & Keeper of City Prison		3.234.43
County Contingences, for Sales of property encumbering Streets and Scavengers Licenses		353.99
Justices Courts, fees from the 4 District Courts		8.602.45
Police Office, fees. & sales of unclaimed property		4.851.96
[356] Fire Department, Sales of old Engine N° 10 and old Hose and pipe		411.06
Wells & pumps, digging Wells, & making and setting pumps		5.078.02
Castle Clinton, for rent received		816.66
Real Estate, for property sold		4.868.50
Charges on Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, Advertising, Certificates, Leases, and Auction Fees on Sales of Property		1.738.
Intestate Estates, from Public Administrators		2.556.44
Arrears of Taxes, from Collector of Arrears of Taxes		3.984.03
Commutation for Alien passengers		995.
Taxes, for Tax of 1823 $311.004.96 and of 1824 $52.900		363.904.96
Tavern & Excise Licenses		24.977.20
Lien on Lots, reimbursements for Expenditures correcting Nuisances		1.110.27
Lamps, sales of Empty Casks, lighting private Lamps		355.32
Vendue Sales, from State Treasurer		10.000.
Mayoralty fees		2.355.65
Penalties, from Attorney for violations of the Burial and Other Laws		1.458.15
Bonds Receivable for James B Requa's Bond		500.
[*356] Intelligence Office Licenses		75.
Street Manure		6.361.77
Annual Rents, viz—Water Lot Rent	$8.862.97	
Ground Rent	24.444.88	
House Rent	3.615.63	
Common Land Rent	1.843.	
Ferry Rent	12.003.75	
		50.770.23
		$905.887.10

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By Amount of Warrants on the Treasury for payments under the following heads Alms House, Bridewell & Penitentiary, including Salaries of Superintendant, Keepers & Assistants, Clerks, Physicians &c	80.104.
Streets, for Opening, Widening, improving, regulating & paving, including Sewers	191.864.31
Bonds payable, for fourteen Bonds paid	251.200.
Interest Account, Interest on City Stock Bonds and Assessments	76.205.80

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

Docks & Slips, building & repairing Bulkheads and pier and Working Mud Machine	26.802.91
Courts, Recorders, District Attorney, Clerk and Criers Salary, and Officers attending serving subpoenas &c	12.375.11
County Contingencies*	10.068.42
[358] Justices Courts, Salaries of the four Justices & Clerks, and Room rent	9.845.
Police Office, Justices, Clerk & Assistant Clerks' Salaries, Officers extra services and conveying prisoners to City Prison &c	9.667.01
Fire Department, Chief Engineer's Salary, making & repairing Engines & Hose and Ground rent	7.637.64
Wells & pumps, digging Wells, making setting and repairing pumps.	5.018.97
Castle Clinton, repairing foundation and making reef round it	3.980.49
Real Estate. for property purchased for public purposes	1.773.
Charges on Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, Advertising, Certificates, leases, and Auction fees on Sale of property	1.204.36
Intestate Estates, Francis Campbell, Administrator to the Estate of Wm Campbell	421.17
Arrears of Taxes paid State Arrears 1823	1.324.97
Commutation for Alien passengers. for furnishing Lists of passengers	100.
Taxes, paid supervisors, & for completing Tax Books	384.
Tavern & Excise Licenses, Clerk assisting to Issue, Marshal attending & advertising Notices	120.75
[359] Lien on Lots, paid for correcting Nuisances	205.34
Lamps, Oil, Superintending, Lighting and repairing Lamps, and making & Setting Posts	21.470.
Watch	55.331.63
Fever Hospital, account of building	17.662.63
Battery, making Wall & reef & filling in, paving Walks, fencing &c.	29.610.83
Salaries	20.346.55
Fulton Market, Butchers for Stands. in Old Fly Market, and Expences	11.572.32
Common Schools and Charities	10.808.89
Street Expenses, regulating & paving round park and other public property, repairing Intersections of Streets, Sewers &c	8.238.22
Repairs	7.008.
Roads. Amount of Warrants to Overseer of Public Roads	5.200.
Working Convicts, Warrants to superintendant of Alms House for that purpose	5.000.
Markets, Clerks' Salaries & Sweepers and repairing Markets	4.990.99
City Burying Ground, for enclosing	4.504.
Printing and Stationary	3.154.06
Board of Health, including Dr Roosa's verdict & Costs for spreading Lime in 1822	3.108.
[360] Elections, Inspectors, Clerks & Officers attending polls	1.757.25
Coroner's fees	1.729.43

* See next page.—ED.

Essex Market, for building & paving round it	1.729.11
Errors & Delinquencies, Taxes paid in Error, refunded	52.70
Balance in the Treasury to debit January 1st 1825	2.309.24
	$905.887.10

* County Contingencies

Fees of different Counsel, drawing Laws and Leases, & Costs of various Suits	1.687.74
Surveys for Water, 1140.15. Maps of 6. 7. 8. 9 and 10 Wards &c $528	1.668.15
Celebrations of 4th July & 25th Novemr $966.42 furniture for the City Hall $462.12	1.428.54
Expences of Corporation at City Hall, cleaning Buildings &c. $980.65 fuel $700	1.680.65
Coach Hire, $294. Indexing Minutes of Common Council $180. Registering Conveyances $24.68	498.68
Removing Nuisances $100.42. Copies of State Laws and Sundry postages $13.36	113.78
Calculations for fever Hospital Lottery	25.
[361] Auction fees, Butcher's Stands, and Docks and Slips $39.50. Trees, Manure and Labour for Park $82.50	122.00
Portrait of the late Mayor $120, Abstracts for Loan Officers $14	134.
Reception of Indian Chiefs $19 38/100 Invention for Measuring Wood $20	39.38
Posting Bills 46. 50/100 Manhattan Co Water for Jail & Markets $115	161.50
Extra Advertising $9. Committee for reception of Genl Lafayette $2500	2.509.
	$10.068.42

[362] Dr. Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the Year 1824

For Balance in the Treasury, as per last Account, dated 31 Decr 1823	1.219.04
Amount of Receipts into the Treasury to their Credit during the present Year, under the following heads. viz	
Real Estate, for property Sold	12.50
Commutation of Water Lot Quit Rent	581.25
Water Lot Rent	1.733.92
Market Rents	21.391.13
Market Fees	13.935.48
Street Vaults	4.782.16
Hack Licenses	1.168.
Pawn Brokers Licenses	480.
New York State Stock ¾ths amount paid off by the State	5.587.50
Interest on Ditto	279.38
Do on City Stock	17.951.
Do on Balance in the Treasury	753.17
	$.69.874.53

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	By Amount of their Warrants on the Treasury for the following purchases		
Febry 11	From A N Gifford $7450 New York State Stock 101¾	$7580.37	
	Brokerage ¼ per Cent	18.95	
			7.599.32
March 25	Do $2000 City (6 per Ct) Stock 105½	2110.00	
	Brokerage ¼ per Cent	5.27	
			2.115.27
26	W G Bucknor $3000 City (6 per Cent) Stock 105½	3165.	
	Brokerage ½ per Cent	7.91	
			3.172.91
April 16.	J G Warren & son. $1000 City (6 per Cent) Stock, 106		1.060.
	By Balance in the Treasury at their Credit carried to new account 1st January 1825		55.927.03
			69.874.53

Total of Receipts by the Commissioners of the Sinking fund from its commencement, August 23d 1813 to 31st December 1824. inclusive, Viz

Interest on City Stock	91.244.83
Market fees	87.552.44
[364] Market Rents	62.470.15
Sales of Real Estate	59.970.08
Street Vaults	25.068.50
Water Lot Rents	17.635.24
Commutation of Water lot Quit rents	17.275.41
Hack Licenses	7.018.
Pawn Brokers Licenses	6.346.63
Commutation of Land Quit Rents	4.649.91
Interest on United States Stocks	1.800.
do Balance in the Treasury	1.142.94
Profit on United States Stock	987.14
Interest on New York State Stock	279.38
do Defence Bonds	230.18
	$383.670.83

[365] Invested in	$192.600,	City 6 per Cent. Stock,		which Cost	$195.281.54
	81,500.	5 do	of 1820	"	80.877.31
	48.200,	5 do	of 1821	"	49.573.13
	1.862.50	New York State Stock		"	2.011.82
And leaving a Balance in the Treasury, of.....					55.927.03
					$383.670.83

Signed Wm Paulding Junr Mayor, Richd Riker, Recorder, Reuben Munson Chn F C. Jno Fleming City Trear G. N. Bleecker Comptrolr } Commissioners of the Sinkg fund

Which was directed to be printed

[366] The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Hook & Ladder Co No 1

Wm P Disosway, Merchant, No 45 Pearl St.
Vice, Hugh Aikman, Joined the Supply Co

Fire Engine Company No 3

Richd Carman, Carpenter, 60 Stone St
Vice, Joseph Swaine, Resigned,
Saml B Warner, Sail Maker, 8 Garden St
Vice Edward Ogden, Resigned

Fire Hook & Ladder Co No 4.

William Morris, Marketman, 7 Pump St.
Vice Isaac Ward, Resigned.
John Leonard, Marketman, 91 Cherry St.
Vice Gilbert Lewis, Resigned
Edmund Willets, Cartman, 196 Eldridge St
Vice John Varick Resigned

Fire Engine Company No 19

Philip H Branson Joiner 28 Eldridge St.
Vice John L Steward, Left the City.
Richd S Davidson Carpenter, 25 Norfolk St.
Vice, Archibald Parsells, Resigned,
George Bijotat Upholster, Bowery,
Vice Thomas Asten Time Expired,

[367] Fire Engine Company N° 26.

David C. Harris, Fish Monger, 124 Henry St.

Vice John Loder Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 40

John Romaine, Shoemaker, 97 Chrystie St.

Vice John Scott, Resigned,

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents on the following Assessments and Warrants were ordered to Issue to Morris De Camp to collect the same. viz

For repaving at Peck Slip
" paving Columbia St. from Grand to Rivington St
" paving Essex St from Rivington to Stanton St.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed, viz

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances,

N°	1	J Pease	Owner	N°	49 Division St	A privy
	2	R Varrick	Do		59 Do	"
	3	W Baylis	Do		111 Do	"
	4	J Guion	Do		125 Do	"
	5	Mr Holly	Do		131 Do	"
	6	C Knapp	Do		137 Do	"
	7	G Van Pelt	Do		141 Do	"
	8	J Hart.	Do		151 Do	"
	9	[368] S Thorne	Do		157 "	do
	10	J Hilton	Do		165 "	do
	11	P Hendricks	Do		18 Hester St	do
	12	P Parks	Do		32 "	do
	13	J Woolsey.	Do		38 "	do
	14	N Lucas	Do		40 "	do
	15	N Hawkhurst	Do		44 "	do
	16	G & R Waite	Do		46 "	do
	17	J Emmons	Do		64 "	do
	18	P Parks	Do		82 "	do
	19	M Ray	Do		84 "	do
	20	J Hurley	Do		88 "	do
	21	M McLean	Do		94 "	do
	22	G. Van Nostrand	Do		102 "	do
	23	Wm Murphy	Do		108 "	do
	24	J D L Walton	Do		326 Pearl St.	do
	25	A Kerr	Do		388 "	do
	26	do	Do		390 "	do
	27	J Drake	Do		396 "	do
	28	C Derrickson	Do		558 "	do

29	T *Brister* [Zabriskie]	Owner	53	Pump St	A privy
30	M Hughes	Do	65	"	do
31	M Roosboom	Do	73	"	do
32	J Nitchie	Do	81	"	do
33	J Grant	Do	54	Roosevelt St	do
34	Do	Do	56	"	do
35	M Furman	Do	58	"	do
36	Do	Do	60	"	do
37	Mr Harrison	Do	62	"	do
38	[369] B Underhill	do	63	do	do
39	Do	do	65	do	"
40	G. Jackson	do	67	do	"
41	R Warnock	do		<Roosevt & Cherry St	"
42	Wm L Simers	do	312	Pearl St	"
43	J Lorillard	do	347	do	"
44	G. Everingham	do	393	do	"
45	Dr Francis	do	413	do	"
46	Do	do	415	do	"
47	M Gilmore	do	435	do	"
48	Wm Tibbitts	do	439	do	"
49	Do	do	439½	do	"
50	Joel Post	do	276	Water St	"
51	G Robson	do	304	do	"
52	C Agnew	do	308	do	"
53	W L Simers	do	314	do	"
54	F Knowlin	do	316	do	"
55	A Higgins	do	338	do	"
56	E. Everitt	do	350	do	"
57	J W Corlis	do	352	do	"
58	Do	do	354	do	"
59	H Ashfield	do	196	William	"
60	P Lorillard	do	224	do	"
61	C. Hoy	do	250	do	"
62	J. Lovett	do	256	do	"
63	J. Lorillard	do		Washington	A Lot
64.	Wm L Simers	do		Mott St	"

Geo. Cuming
City Inspector

[370] Alderman Mann presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Street Committee to consider and report whether any alteration in the Law respecting the Removal of filth and dirt from the public Streets is necessary.

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund report their Opinion as to the expediency of allowing the holders of 6 per Cent City Stock to exchange the same to an amount not exceeding $400,000

for a Stock bearing an Interest of 4½ per Cent redeemable at the pleasure of the Common Council at any time after the 31st December 1837.

Alderman Cowdrey presented a Resolution on the subject of enforcing the Law preventing Dogs running at large—Which was referred to the Law Committee.

Mr Rathbone presented the following—Resolved, That all proceedings in relation to leasing the vacant ground in the rear of Essex Markets, (in the 10th Ward) be [371] suspended and that the subject of disposing of that ground be referred to a Committee to report whether an alteration in the quantity to be leased ought not to be made, Which having been read was referred to the Market Committee

The Recorder presented the following.

Resolved, That the Resolution adopted by the late Board to sell or dispose of certain Lots of ground lying between the City Hall & Chatham Street be suspended until the further order of this Board, notice however to be given to the present Occupants to remove on the first of May next.

Upon the question of agreeing to the same it passed in the affirmative.

Upon Motion it was Resolved that the Report of the Committee on the subject of the Jail and Bridewell and the several Resolutions thereon be printed for the use of the Members

It was also moved that the same be published in the Papers employed by the Board

The question being taken thereon and a Division being called by Alderman Cowdrey the Members voted as follows.

Affirmative, Mr Recorder [372] Alderm Cowdrey, Lee Ostrander Mr Agnew, Burtsell Hedden, Cox Dunscomb, Rathbone 10

Negative. Alderm Wyckoff King, Ireland Webb, Mann Taylor, Davis Mr Bolton, St John Hone. 10

The Board being equally divided his Honor the Mayor gave his vote in the Negative—So the question on publishing passed in the Negative.

Mr Dunscomb presented a Resolution directing the Superintendant of Repairs to place Locust posts near the Curb Stone on the East side of the park for the drivers of Carriages on the Stand to fasten their Horses to, which was referred to the Street Committee.

An Amendment to the Law to regulate the lying of Vessels at the public Wharves was presented and referred to the Law Committee.

Alderman Ireland moved that the Board now go into appointment of Mayor for the ensuing year

Alderman Mann moved that the same be postponed until the next Meeting of the Board and that it be made the order of [373] the day—Alderman Ireland withdrew his Motion and the question being taken on Alderman Mann's proposition the same was carried in the affirmative.

The Comptroller made the following report.

Balance as per Acct 20 Decr, 1824	$9.24	
Recd for Tax of 1824—3. 4. 5. 8 Wards	6.300.	
" Streets	4.855.13	
" Rents	2.987.77	
" Tavern Licenses	290.	
" Wells & pumps	239.63	
" Mayoralty fees	128.	
" Sales at public Yard	46.37	
" Commutation Alien passengers	5.	
Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 2d February	4,800.	19.661.14

87 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Concklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2 do	666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3 do	645.75
O Ayres Asst. City Inspecr 1 Mo 1 Ins	47.25
J Coffin do do 1 " 1 "	47.25
C. Gilman Keeper of Battery 1 " 1 "	31.
A. McCready do of Park 1 " 1 "	31.
W. Schureman do of Pottersfd 1 " 1 "	38.75
[374] Asten & Higbie Messengers 1 Mo 1 In	54.
O Jaques St Inspecr 1 Ward " "	34.87
P Wright do 2 do " "	34.87
T Jeroleman do 3 do " "	34.87
N B Lyon do 4 do " "	34.87
A Ackerman do 5 do " "	34.87
W Kerr do 6 do " "	34.87
B Fuller do 7 do " "	34.87
S Hutchings do 8 do " "	34.87
D Hubbard do 10 do " "	34.87
O Jaques St. Inspector 1 Ward for Manure Carted on Battery	125.
J Morton Clerk C. Council for Hack hire	44.
L Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Month 1 Inst	65.29
J Bremner Clerk Catharine Market 1 Month 1 Inst	58.
P Ammerman Clerk 6 Markets 1 Month 1 Inst	55.50
G Duryea Clerk Fulton Market 1 Month 1 Inst	41.67
R. Smith Clerk Franklin Market 1 Month 1 Inst	38.75
J Asten Sweeper Fulton Market 1 Month 1 Inst	38.59

[375] B Hicks Asst. Board of Health 1 Month 1 Inst.....						47.25
J Pinkney Asst Board of Health 1 Month 1 Inst.....						47.25
W Hoghland Keeper Penitentiary and Assists 1 Quarter 1 Inst.....						537.50
J Woodward Clerk of County, fees of Office, Adverts &c for Elections						241.
The Mayor, Attens Board Supervirs			4	dys	1824.....	8.
The Recorder	do	do	3	"	"	6.
Alden Wyckoff	do	do	4	"	"	8.
Ald. King	do	do	1	"	"	2.
Ald Ireland	do	do	4	"	"	8.
Ald Seymour	do	do	3	"	"	6.
Ald Zabriskie	do	do	4	"	"	8.
Ald Parker	do	do	4	"	"	8.
Ald Mann	do	do	4	"	"	8.
Ald Taylor	do	do	3	"	"	6.
Ald Doughty	do	do	2	"	"	4.
Ald Munson	do	do	4	"	"	8.
Ald Wyckoff Attending Sessions &c			15	days.....		60.
Ald King	do		3	"		12.
Ald Ireland	do		12	"		48.
Ald Seymour	do		12	"		48.
Ald Zabriskie	do		25	"		100.
Ald Parker	do		13	"		52.
Ald Mann	do		24	"		96.
[376] Ald Taylor	do		24	"		96.
Ald Doughty	do		12	"		48.
Ald Munson	do		12	"		48.
R. Riker Recorder 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst.....						375.
J Johnson & J H Bailey Assessors of Tax 1 Ward 1824....						320.
J Drake & W W Fox Assessors of Tax 2 Ward 1824.....						260.
N C Griffith & J Graham Assessors of Tax 3 Ward 1824..						320.
L Hartman & P Bonnett Assessrs of Tax 4 Ward 1824....						288.
J B Schmelzel & D Sutton Assessor[s] of Tax 5 Ward 1824						320.
P Halsted & C McLean Assessors of Tax 6 Ward 1824....						304.
J M Tuthill & C Fordham Assessors of Tax 7 Ward 1824..						260.
G Coutant & H. Howard Assessors of Tax 8 Ward 1824...						320.
T Miller & J Adriance Assessors of Tax 9 Ward 1824.....						316.
S Purdy & J Halsey Assessors of Tax 10 Ward 1824.....						320.
Daniel D Smith Stationary 2 April to 31 Decemr 1824.....						119.32
A Leggett Supers & Work Mud Machine 1 Inst.....						38.46
[377] G Snethen lights Lamps 1 Mo 1 Inst.....						772.90
G Snethen Supert Lamps 1 Qr Salary 1 Ins.....						137.50
John Dunn & sons repairing Lamps 7 October to 31 Decemr 1824						209.63
John L Gillender & Co Glass Cups &c for Lamps.....						63.83
H Smith Acct. reg & pav Columbia St. from Grand to Rivington St.....						1100.
J McQueen Acct. reg Streets at Greenwich Village.....						1000.

S. Fargay Acct. reg. & pav Gouverneur Slip	750.	
J Culbert. Acct. reg. & pav. Wooster St from Canal to Broome St	500.	
S. Fargay. Acct. reg & pav Chatham St. from Broadway to Tryon row	500.	
J. Culbert, Acct. reg. & pav. Canal St. from Hudson to Greenwich St	200.	
C Mooney bal pav Side walks Prince St. between Broadway & Bowery	162.75	
R Pettigrew bal. reg & pav Watts St. from Canal to Greenwich St	161.52	
H. Smith Acct. Cross Walks 3d Ward	100.	
S Fargay repairing Intersections 2. 3. 4. 6 Wards	142.43	
J. Parker Gravil for flagging front City Hall	53.75	
H Smith repairing Intersections 3d Ward	23.29	
[378] Isaac Halsey Earth for repairs North St	10.82	
J Mehan repairs Intersections 6 Ward	10.43	
A H Mooney 1st payment Well Elizabeth St. near Spring St	41.	
Geo. Charlton 1st payment Well Varick near Canal St	27.36	
Geo. Lovett 2d payment Pier foot of Chamber St	1872.50	
A Burtis Super Alms House for City Burial Ground, balance	3449.91	
	Balance	$93.61

The Board adjourned

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OF

MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 1825 TO APRIL 11, 1825

[1] In Common Council January 17th 1825

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Jumr Mayor President
Richd Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Samuel Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	Wm Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Daniel E Dunscomb
Jacob B Taylor	Effingham Schieffelin
Wm A Davis	William P Rathbone,
Gideon Ostrander	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved,

A Petition from Sundry Owners of property praying that Sixth Street may be opened from Christopher Street to Broadway was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[2] A Petition of Marinus Willett was received stating that a Grant was directed to issue to Petitioner for a Water Grant extending in front of his Wharf between Broome and Delancy Streets, and terminating at a point in Tompkins Street which grant has not yet issued—that Petitioner understanding that the Corporation are intending to extend the limits of the City in that quarter, to East Street, he prays his grant may be extended to East Street, and if the rights of the Corporation to the ground under water do not extend so far, that Application be made to the Legislature for an extension of the rights of the Corporation, which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Wm G Buckner for relief on an Assessment of Tax imposed on his brother in Law John T. Bulow which was referred to the Committee on Assessment

A Petition of William Welsh for remission of penalty incurred by hoisting Merchandise in the Streets, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Nicholas Low for return of Seven Dollars paid by him as charges on a Lot sold for Taxes which expences he is [3] not liable to pay was referred to the finance Committee

A Petition from J S Crary for permission to erect an Iron railing across the end of his house corner of Broadway and Franklin Streets was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of the New York and Norwalk Steam Boat Association for hiring the Dock at foot of Roosevelt Street for Steam Boat John Marshall—was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips

A Petition of Thomas R Smith Lessee of District N° 4 of Public Wharves and Slips to be released from his Contract was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of John P Garniss and others stating they are possessed of the Ferry at Weehawk State of New Jersey and are desirous of establishing a Ferry therefrom by Steam and Team boats to the City of New York and pray a right therefor. Which was referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of J. Vanduzer praying relief on an assessment for a Personal Tax was referred to the Committee on Assessment.

[4] A Petition of Earl & West Brush and Bellows Makers, Stating that they have a large quantity of very heavy plank which was stored previous to the passage of the Resolution on the subject of hoisting Merchandise from the Streets, Which planks cannot be removed from the place where stored but by means of Falls that are on the out-side of Said Stores, and praying permission to make use of the Falls for their removal was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of Second Ward with powers

A Petition of Wilson J Hunt & Joseph Randolph was received stating—that they are Lessees under the Corporation of a Lot at Corner of Fulton and West Street opposite the Public Slip—that the Law lately passed in relation to the rates of Wharfage has occasioned the removal from the slip of a great portion of the River Craft, which has materially injured their business—they therefore pray a repeal of said Law or a reduction of the Rent agreed to be paid by them—The same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition from a number of owners of property and Residents in the Vicinity of Washington Market, Stating that the Law [5] in relation to the Rates of Wharfage has occasioned the removal of the river Craft from the public Slips and materially injured the business of that part of the City and praying said Law may be repealed was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Bridget Byrns was received Stating that her Husband Morgan Byrnes took out a License for a Hackney Carriage in May last which would not expire until May next—but her husband having

departed this life she is informed she must renew the License in her own name—that her husband having left her poor the payment of the fee for the license would distress her and she therefore prayed it might be renewed to her until May next without paying for the same, the same having been read was referred to his Honor the Mayor.

A Petition of Peter Gerard Stuyvesant for a Grant of the Land under Water in the East river adjoining his property and extending to the permanent line—was referred to the Finance Committee.

Petitions were received from Gilbert Badeau John Nixon, Lambson Paul and Robert Furlong for Office of Keeper of Pottersfield—which was [6] referred to the Committee on Lands & places.

A Petition of Samuel Raymond for Office of Street Inspector, was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition.

A Petition of Robert T Clark for Office of Measurer was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition.

A Petition from sundry persons praying that Cliff Street may be continued from Ferry Street to Frankfort Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from Andrew Smith Commander of Ship Montano was received stating that in the Month of Novem^{r} 1823. he brought in said Vessel passengers from Havre de Grace, that one of said passengers having been employed as under Steward (named Siburt) he neglected to report him and has incured penalties therefor—that the omission was accidental and he prays that upon given the requisite Bond and paying all costs he may be relieved from said penalties—the Same having been read was referred to the Police Committee.

[7] A Petition of Rathbone & Fitch Lessees of Castle Garden for permission to Mortgage their Lease hold interest therein—was referred to the Finance Committee with authority.

A Petition of Cesar Gatereau for relief from a personal Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of John Faye in behalf of himself and the other Representatives of James O'Faye deceased, was received, stating that his father the said James O Faye dec^{d}, died intestate, and that a part of the personal property which he left has been received by the Public Administrator Benjamin Prince Esqr and by him paid into the City Treasury and praying the same may be paid over to him which was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Nathaniel C Griffith was received stating that he is the owner of a Bulkhead at the foot of Hammond Street on Hudson river, which was originally constructed for, and for a number of

years was used as a Site for a public ferry—and Petitioner prays that an exclusive privilege may be granted to him of Keeping a ferry within a district extending from the State Prison dock to Fort Gansevoort—which being read was referred to the Ferry Committee

[8] A Memorial of John Woodward Esqr Clerk of the City and County was received Stating that the Jury list returned to him under the Resolution of the Corporation of the 25th October last is in no particular conformable to the 13th Section of the Act of the Legislature passed 25 Febry 1823 which prescribes that duty—The result he States to be that the Resolution of the Board is wholly insufficient—He recommends an Application to be made to the Legislature for a Law on the Subject Applicable to this City—the same having been read was referred to the Law Committee

A Memorial was received from the New York Lombard Association Stating that for purposes of public good they were desirous of placing the said Institution under the immediate protection and care of the Corporation—They therefore respectfully request that their Memorial may be referred to a Committee of the Board to whom they may submit their views on the subject—Whereupon the Same was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of John R Soper Lessee of Public Wharves of 3d District praying relief from Losses incurred by the non-completion of a Pier at the time it was agreed to be finished when the District was leased [9] to him, was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of John Field sub Lessee of Lot N° 57 on Chatham St praying an extension of the term of said Lease, was referred to the Finance Committee

A Remonstrance from Sundry owners of property at *Corlais* Corlae[r]s Hook against the proposed establishment of a public square at that place & requesting to be heard on the subject before a Committee of the Common Council was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial was presented from a large number of proprietors of ground and Inhabitants in the vicinity of Pottersfield remonstrating against contin[u]ing that place as a Publick Burial Ground, and requesting that another place be selected for that purpose—was referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the Eighth & Ninth Wards

Two Remonstrances from a very large number of Citizens were received Stating that while they approved of enlarging the Park and removing the Jail and Bridewell they have Seen with regret that the addition to the Park contemplated is only a strip of about Sixty feet in depth on the westerly side, and that the triangular [10] piece on

Chatham Street is to be sold in Lots—they therefore pray that the Board will reconsider the Resolution directing the Comptroller to sell the Lots on Chatham Street—the same having been read was referred to the Committee on that Subject, viz, on the Jail & Bridewell

A Petition of the Assessors of several of the Wards on the subject of their compensation was read and laid for consideration

A Letter was received from William B Crosby stating that in a Deed executed by Henry Rutgers and Others on the 30th March 1819 ceding to the Corporation certain lands to widen Market—Henry and other Streets—a Reservation was made, of Lot N° 296 corner of Henry and Market Streets—that the reason for that exemption no longer existing he was willing now to execute a conveyance of so much of that Lot as may be requisite to Widen Henry Street—Whereupon it was referred to the Street Committee with authority to accept Said Grant

The Committee of Assessments on the petition of Major Perrault reported against the Same as follows

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the Petition of Major. [11] H Perrault, praying the sum of five dollars and ten Cents to be refunded to him, which Sum he had paid to the Collector of the 3d Ward as the amount of his personal tax, respectfully report.

That they have examined the case of the Petitioner, and he having been assessed according to Law, your Committee are satisfied that the reasons assigned by him, are not sufficient to justify the repayment of the money above mentioned, and therefore suggest the propriety of giving him leave to withdraw his Petition.

respectfully Submitted

Josiah Hedden
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) D, E, Dunscomb
Sl Cowdrey

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted,

The Watch Committee to whom the Petition of William Shepherd was referred reported in his favour as follows. viz.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Shepherd praying for some relief, for injuries received while in the discharge of his Duties as a Watchman, Report, That they have given it that consideration that the Case requires, and have made proper inquiry as to the facts set forth in the annexed [12] petition,

All of which they find to be correct, Your Committee think it but an Act of justice that some relief should be given him they therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Comptroller report a Warrant at the next meeting of the Board for 45 Dollars in favour of William Shepherd,

Which was adopted

They also further reported as follows

Your Committee further Report that in examining the Watch Caps at the several Watch Houses, they find that many of them want immediate Repairs, and they are of opinion that it will be necessary to have some new ones made, they all require to be repainted and numbered as there are but few on which the numbers can be Seen, they offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Superintendant of Repairs be authorised under the direction of the Watch Committee to carry the last mentioned Report into effect.

Jameson Cox
J. Hedden
Wm Burtsell
Philip Hone
Wm P, Rathbone

Which was approved and directed to be done by the Superintendant of Repairs under [13] direction of the Watch Committee.

The Market Committee on the petition of John Moore for Stall N° 15 Catharine Market reported in his favour as follows

The Market Committee, to whom was referred the annexed petition of John Moore to occupy the Stand N° 15 Catharine Market at present held by John P Warmong, and a Communication from John P Warmong relinquishing said Stand in favour of Moore, beg leave respectfully to Report,

That in the opinion of Your Committee it is proper to grant the prayer of the Petitioner, and they accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That a Butchers License be granted to John Moore, to occupy the Stand N° 15 in Catharine Market

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Matw Reed
D. E. Dunscomb
Thos Bolton

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted,

The Market Committee presented a Resolution that Butchers Licenses be granted for Fulton Market to the following persons

James J Titus for Stall N° 57
[14] John Perrin for Stall N° 24
Robert Elder Do N° 22
Thos Gibbons Jr Do 2

Which was approved

The Committee on Lands and places on the Subject of Appointing a Keeper of Pottersfield presented a Report recommending J Myers for that Office, Which was read, and laid for consideration

The Committee on the Fire department on the petition of Fire Engine Company N° 18 for a new Engine reported in favour of the Petition as follows.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the petition of the Members of Engine Company N° 18 praying that their Engine may be sold and a new one furnished the Company—Report that they have deferred reporting on the above petition for Some time in consequence of the Board having ordered three new Machines to be built for different Companies, and the want of a purchaser for the above Engine—the new Engines being now completed and an Offer having been received for N° 18, Your Committee beg leave to recommend that a Sale be made of her, particularly as she [15] is now the most inferior Machine belonging to the Department, she was built in the Year 1812 is less than the Standard Size and will soon require heavy repairs, under these Considerations the following resolution is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, That the Superintendant of repairs be instructed to dispose of Engine N° 18, at a price not less than $450

(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well corner of Clarkson & Greenwich Street reported in favour of the same as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and Pump near the Intersection of Clarkson & Greenwich Street—Report,

that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly they respectfully submit the following resolution

Resolved, That the request of the [16] petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) D, E, Dunscomb
R Graves—St Commr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward on the Petition for a Well and Pump at the Corner of Greenwich & Morton Streets reported in favour of the Same as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and pump near the Intersection of Greenwich and Morton Streets, report that in their Opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly, respectfully submit the following Resolution

Resolved, That the request of the petitioners ought to be granted

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) D E Dunscomb
R Graves—St Commr

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition for paving the Side Walks of Orange St from Broome to Prince Street, reported in [17] favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for paving the Side Walks in Orange Street from Broome to Prince Street, report, that in their Opinion their request should be granted, and accordingly recommend the following resolution

Resolved, That the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Saml St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition for Paving the side walks of Grand Street from Varick to Sullivan Street reported in favour of the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Annexed petition for paving the Side Walks in Grand Street, between Varick and

Sullivan Street, report, that in their Opinion their request ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved, That the request of the Petitioners be granted.

[18] Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Sam[l] St. John
Philip Hone

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom on the 20th December last had been referred the Report of the Committee of Assessment on the Petition of John Oothout to be relieved from an Assessment for Opening Thompson Street, reported,

The Report of the Committee on Assessment was in the words following,

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the annexed Petition of John Oothout, praying to be relieved from an Assessment of Two Hundred and Sixty four dollars, for opening and extending Thompson Street,

Report, that on the 8th June 1807, the Street Commissioner, John S. Hunn Esqr reported to the Common Council, a Map of a number of Streets, through grounds belonging to the late Anthony L Bleecker Esqr including Thompson Street, which M[r] Bleecker proposed to cede to the Corporation, as public Streets, on condition that his grounds should not be assessed for Opening Streets, [19] through the surrounding premises, And the Street Commissioner added, that in his Opinion the terms of M[r] Bleecker ought to be agreed to. Whereupon the Board, resolved, that the said Terms be accepted, On the 24th October 1808, the Street Commissioner further Reported that he had procured the Deed of Cession from M[r] Bleecker and his wife for all the Streets in question, without any further condition than the regulating part of Bleecker Street already accomplished and paid for by the Board—Which Deed was referred to James Woods Esq[r] then Counsel of the Board, who on the 31st October then instant, reported his Approval of the same, and it was thereupon accepted, and filed in the Comptroller's Office.

The manner in which the business connected with this Cession, was transacted, and particularly the expressions used by Mr. Hunn in his last communication when taken in connection with his previous communication, his first communication referring to certain conditions on

which Mr Bleecker would make the Cession, viz. an exemption from assessment on his grounds, for opening Streets through the surrounding premises—and the last Stating that he had procured the Cession without any further condition than the regulating part of Bleecker Street, which had been done by the Board, before his Deed of Cession had been [20] executed,) have led the Officers of the Board into some difficulty and embarrassment, as to the true nature and effect of the agreement, which really took place, between Mr Hunn in behalf of the Common Council, and Mr Bleecker, And this difficulty would have Still continued, had not a correspondence taken place between Mr Oothout and Mr Hunn, growing out of the application of Mr Oothout now referred to Your Committee. This Correspondence was undertake[n] by Mr Oothout, on the ground above mentioned, namely, a difference of opinion as to the true intent of the Contract between Mr Bleecker and the Corporation, and the object of Mr Oothout was, as Stated by himself, to obtain an answer from Mr Hunn, explanatory of his report of the 24th October 1808, To which Mr Hunn gives a very full and definite Answer, Stating, "That the sole Condition upon "which Mr Bleecker ceded all those Streets, was, that mentioned in "his report of the 24th October 1808, without any reference to his "original proposition"

It is proper to State that the Letter of Mr Oothout was written long prior to his petition to the Board, and that he did not receive the answer of Mr Hunn until Saturday last, the [21] 18th December, Instant, and that the Committee have much Satisfaction in Stating to the Board, that while they were under the embarrassment arising from the apparently fair claim of Mr Oothout to be relieved from the Assessment as prayed for by him, and the evident bad policy of the supposed agreement on the part of the Common Council with Mr Bleecker, as a precedent and the doubts expressed by the Counsel of the Board to Your Committee, as to the legal right of those claiming under Mr Bleecker to the relief suggested by Mr Oothout, the latter Gentleman with a frankness highly honourable to him, lost no time in laying the Correspondence before the Committee, and at the same time stating, that had the Letter of Mr Hunn arrived in season, he never would have applied to the Board, as he had felt himself obliged to do

The Committee would not have been thus minute in their report, (except as to the very correct conduct of Mr Oothout) had they not been informed, that a similar misapprehension of the nature of the agreement between Mr Bleecker and the Common Council, had

existed, in relation to an Assessment for the widening of Bleecker Street—The minutes with regard to which are found recorded on the 21st July 1823, and in Consequence of which, the present Street Commissioner [22] has charged the Corporation, as having assumed the payment of $550.50, which ought to have been assessed upon the persons interested and benefitted.

The Committee, for the purpose of throwing light upon this intricate subject, have requested of Mr Oothout permission to report the Originals of the above mentioned correspondence between him and Mr Hunn, with which he has complied, and the Letters between those Gentlemen, are accordingly herewith communicated, which the Committee recommend should be placed on file

The Committee conclude by recommending the following Resolutions.

Resolved, That the Petitioner has no claim on this Board, of the nature stated in his petition, and that the same be disallowed.

Resolved, That the subject of the Assessment for widening Bleecker Street, as referred to in this Report, be referred to the Street Committee, with directions that they investigate it, and report thereon to this Board

(Signed) J. Cowdrey
Geo. Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Stephen Conover

[23] The Report of the Street Committee thereon was as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on Assessments on the subject of the exemption of the Estate of the late Anthony L Bleecker from certain assessments for Opening Thompson Street, as also for the widening Bleecker Street—Report that they have attentively considered the subject, and have also had the opinion of the Counsel to this Board. (which is herewith submitted) from all which, they are induced to Offer the following Resolution as expressive of their Opinion

Resolved, that Morris De Camp the Collector appointed on the 4th day of February 1823. to Collect and receive the assessment for widening Bleecker Street, as confirmed by the supreme Court on the 10th day of January 1823 be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to proceed and Collect all those Assessments that remain uncollected thereon, and that the same shall be collected in the usual manner according to Law—and further that Mr De Camp be allowed twenty

dollars therefor—And further, that the Street Commissioner be directed to correct the entries in his Books accordingly

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
[24] (Signed) Asa Mann
Sam[l] St. John
Philip Hone

Whereupon the Report of the Committee of Assessments was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the 8[th] of Novem[r] last on subject of widening Fletcher Street reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution, respecting the widening of Fletcher Street, and advancing the buildings on Maiden Lane from Front Street to South Street report that they have duly considered the subject, and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient, inasmuch as spacious Streets and places are required in that section of the City for vending bulky articles at Auction, and also for as much as it is not asked for by the owners of the lots on that Street—they therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to take the necessary measures for carrying into effect the alteration of the Streets as proposed by the annexed resolution

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander,
[25] (Signed) Asa Mann
Sam[l] St, John,
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of Robert M[c]Gill to erect an Iron railing in front of his house reported in favour of the same as follows,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Robert M[c]Gill for permission to erect an Iron area railing in front of his building N[o] 70 Chamber Street—Report that in their opinion no evil can arise from his request being granted provided it does not exceed the limits prescribed by Law which is four feet four inches in

that Street, and would place it on a line with the railings of the adjoining buildings they accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, That the request of the petitioner be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Sam[l] St. John
Philip Hone

Which was approved the resolution adopted

[26] The Street Committee to whom was referred a Petition of the Inhabitants of Pearl St. for an improvement at the corner of Coenties Alley reported *reported* in favour of the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry owners of property on Pearl Street near Coenties Slip and its vicinity, praying that Pearl Street may be widened and improved by removing a part of the buildings at Coenties Lane according to a Map or diagram herewith presented—have given the subject their deliberate consideration, and are of the opinion the request of the petitioners is just and proper and ought to be granted, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That Pearl Street be widened at Coenties Lane agreeably to a Map thereof, herewith presented, and that the Counsel to this Board, make the necessary application to the Supreme Court in order that the same may be carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Sam[l] St. John
Philip Hone

[27] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Resolution for fixing posts at the Park for Hackmen to fasten their Horses to; reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolutions for placing Posts along the Park for the Hackmen to fasten the Horses to—report that by the existing Ordinance of this Board the Hackmen are compeled to keep on the Drivers Seat while on the Stand and by permitting them to fasten their Horses to a post much irregularity and inconvenience would ensue—Your Committee are

of the Opinion that the present Ordinance if enforced would remedy the evil intended to be obviated by the erection of posts

Accordingly they submit the following resolution

Resolved, That the erection of Posts along the Park is inexpedient

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Sam[l] St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[28] The Street Committee on the Petition for paving the side walks in Stanton St. reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for paving the side walks in Stanton Street, from the Bowery to Eldridge Street, report that in their opinion, the request of the petitioners ought to be granted—and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Sam[l] St. John
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Lamp Committee on the petition that the names of Streets be printed on the Lamps in the Street reported against the same as follows, Viz.

The Lamp Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Calvin Walker Jun[r] and John L Moffett, praying that the Common Council would cause the names of the Streets to be painted on the Glass of the public Lamps, "respectfully [29] Report. That they are of opinion it would be improper to comply with the p[r]ayer of the petitioners, that the Letters would cover nearly the whole of the Glass, unless made too small to be legible, a measure of this kind would have the effect of darkening the Streets, and thereby be an evil, independent of an expence upon the City; Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

(Signed) Wm H Ireland
John Webb
Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the several petitions of John Mann Junr and James Thompson for the return of money paid by them on assessments reported in favour as follows. Viz

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petitions of John Mann Junr and James Thompson, praying each to be refunded the sum of Seven Dollars, for an advertisement and Lease on the Sale of Lands for Taxes redeemed by them, which have not been made. That it is usual [30] to refund the amount of these charges, when the Land is redeemed before the advertisements or Leases are made, That the Street Commissioner informs your Committee that the facts stated in the petitions are correct, Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved. That the Comptroller report warrants in favour of each of the above named petitioners for the sum of Seven Dollars

(Signed) Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of the Trustees of the New York City Dispensary for the usual allowance of $500 to the Institution reported in favour, as follows—Viz,

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed communication from the Treasurer of the New York City Dispensary, That the said Institution, which is one of great public usefulness, now prays for a donation of Five [31] Hundred Dollars, which is the sum annually granted by this Board, Your Committee cannot hesitate in recommending that the Board should grant the usual donation to this valuable institution, and they therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Comptroller report a Warrant in favour of

Lindley Murray, Treasurer of the New York City Dispensary, for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars.

(Signed)
Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of Elizabeth Eversson for delay of sale of her property on an assessment for Thompson Street. reported against the same as follows

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Elizabeth Eversson, That the petitioner prays that the Sale of a House and Lot owned by her in Thompson Street, for Assessments, may be postponed; But inasmuch as it appears that the said premises have been already sold for said Assessments, Your Committee [32] offer for the consideration of the Board, the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

(Signed)
Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Stephen Gould for transfer of Lease of Lot, corner of Wall and Broad St reported in favour of the same as follows

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Stephen Gould, That the petitioner prays for the right to transfer a lease, dated 3d April, 1809. from the Corporation to him (of the Lot and House at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets) to the Life and Fire Insurance Company—Your Committee can see no reason why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, in this instance, on the usual terms, They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Comptroller consent to the above transfer, provided [33] that all arrears of rent be previously paid, and provided

that there shall appear to be no previous transfer of said Lease. from the said Stephen Gould inconsistent with the proposed transfer

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved [and] the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Stephen Conklin for Lease of Lot at head of Albany Basin reported against the same as follows

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Stephen Conkling that the petitioner wishes to lease a Lot next to the water at the head of the Albany Basin, North River, Your Committee cannot consider it at all expedient, before the extension of the upland at Albany Basin to West St, to determine respecting the propriety of selling or leasing any of said property. They therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Asa Mann
[34] (Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a Resolution of the 13th Decemr last authorising said Committee to make an amicable settlement on subject of Chamberlain's Communication respecting a Tax on One of the Incorporated Insurance Companies presented the following Report which was approved and the Resolution adopted

A Copy of the opinion of James Kent Esqr on the subject of the Hope Insurance Company accompanied said Report, and was directed to be filed

The Report of the Committee was as follows—Viz

The Finance Committee respectfully report that a decision of a question arising under the Tax Laws has been obtained relative to the obligation of Companies to pay the Tax upon their capital Stock, this question having arisen, was, by the authority of the Board, submitted to the arbitrament of James Kent Esqr who was agreed upon

as the arbitrator by both parties—and his [35] determination in writing has been obtained, the result of which, it is understood, will be acquiessed in by the Company whose tax was the subject of the Arbitration, and who by the decision are to pay the Tax as assessed by the Assessors.

The construction put upon the Tax Law by this decision is, that every Incorporated Company deriving a regular income from the employment of its Capital, must either pay the Tax assessed upon its whole Capital, or must commute by paying (on the day of the annual meeting of the Supervisors) ten per Cent upon its dividends, or upon its profits, or upon its income—This decision is no doubt a true expos[it]ion of the Law on the subject, and your Committee having obtained that decision, under a Resolution of the Board, they have deemed it proper to communicate the result to the Board, and to offer for consideration the following resolution.

Resolved, That a copy of this report be served by the Clerk on the Chamberlain of the City.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Sam[l] Cowdrey
W[m] H Ireland
W[m] Burtsell

[36] The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Resolution of the 8[th] November last in relation to doubts respecting the construction of the Law relative to Tavern and Excise Licenses reported as follows. (viz)

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom was referred the annexed resolution respecting amendments to the Law, regulating the Sale of Liquors by retailing in this City, respectfully report, That they have prepared a Law more particularly to prescribe that only the Alderman and Assistant of each Ward, together with the Mayor, or a majority of them, shall grant Licenses in each Ward—And that persons consenting to, or permitting Liquors to be sold or delivered on their premises, shall be liable to the same penalties (they not being licensed) as if they themselves committed the act

With these amendments your Committee believe that the Law in question will be effectual in its provisions, and will avoid all the objections that have been suggested against it

They therefore offer for consideration, the following Resolution

[37] Resolved, That the Counsel engross said Law, and prepare and report a proper memorial to the Legislature to accompany the same.

(Signed) Wm Burtsell
Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Jacob B Taylor
Thos Bolton

Which was approved and the Law proposed by them under the Title of "An Act to amend the Act of the 10th April 1824 entitled "an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to lay a duty on Strong "liquors and for regulating Inns and Taverns so far as it relates to "the City of New York and for other purposes" was approved, "directed to be engrossed by the Counsel, duly authenticated and "transmitted to the Legislature now in session in Albany

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Resolution of the 11th October last referring it to said Committee to enquire and report what amendments were requisite to be applied for, in relation to the Act concerning Taxes presented a report, accompanied with a Law on the subject which were read laid for consideration and [38] directed to be printed for the use of the Members

The following Report from the Institution of the Deaf and Dumb was presented. read and ordered to be filed

To the Honl the Corporation of the City of New York

The subscriber in behalf of the Directors of the New York Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb has the pleasure to report that there are now in the Institution and attending the School fifty four pupils classed as follows, Viz.

State pupils	27	
Charity	18	
Pay	9	
		54

John Harwood a pauper from the Alms House has been taken as a boarding pupil and is included in the number of State pupils, and he will be boarded clothed and instructed for three years, He appears to be a tractable and promising boy. A Report more in detail on the condition and prospects of the Institution as made to, the Legislature

of the State, is printing and will shortly be laid before [39] your Hon^ble^ Body

By Order of the Board

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) Samuel Akerly Sec^y^
Institⁿ for the D & Dumb

The following were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Hook and Ladder C° N° 2.

Elijah Fordham, Carver & Gilder 382 Pearl St
Vice, John M Banker—Resigned

Fire Hook and Ladder C° N° 3

Freman Cole Machinist, Amos Cor Greenwich lane
Vice Jacob Conklin—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 13

Benjamin M Underhill, Merchant 15 Peck Slip
Vice V Van Dewater
Alfred S Underhill Merchant 15 Peck Slip Vice C Agnew

Fire Engine Company N° 17

John Hunniford, Tin man, 16 Essex St.
Vice Andrew Riker—time Expired
James Vanalst, Boat Builder, 138 Grand St
Vice John Crothers—Resigned
Robert Kervin, Ship Wright 238 Stanton
Vice Robert H Stanton Resigned
[40] Robert C Carpenter, Boat Builder 28 Cherry St
Vice Legrand Sands Resigned
Joseph Dennis, Cooper 3 Cheapside St
Vice Theophlius Richards Resigned
Asa H Phelps, Saddler. 171 Orange St To fill the Company

Fire Engine Company N° 20

Ezra West, Mason, Cor. of Church & Canal
Vice Reul Cunningham, time Expired
James Smith Turner Elm St Vice Samuel Rudolph Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 22

John Weeden Carver 55 Orchard St.
Vice Benjamin Sands joined another C°

Reuben B Macy, Carver, 227 Cherry St.
Vice William Mackins Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 25

Charles Ellet, Merchant, 79 Pearl St. Vice Cyrus White Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 29

William Knapp Shoe Maker, Hammon[d] St
Vice James G. Hall, Resigned

Samuel Gunton, Grocer Charles St Vice John West, Time Expired

[41] The Comptroller presented the following Report accompanied with the release therein mentioned

The Comptroller respectfully presents to the Board, for their Approbation, a Release of Quit Rent on a Water Lot granted to Teunis Tiebout on the 11th day of May 1774.

The Indenture is to Abraham Valentine, Lockwood De Forest, and Guerretta Polhemus and was Commuted by them on the 8th Inst. It is approved by the Counsel of the Board

G N Bleecker Compt[r]

Whereupon the same was approved and the Release directed to be duly executed

The Comptroller presented a Balance Sheet for the Year 1824. which was referred to the Finance Committee

The Comptroller also presented an Estimate of the probable Receipts and Expenditures for the current year, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Attorney presented the following Report on cases of Rodman Bowne and Cap[t] Jennings

The Attorney respectfully reports, that a Suit was commenced against Rodman [42] Bowne for a penalty equal to the amount of Wharfage due Smith & Thorne, late lessees of the Slips, viz 37 dolls. 75/100, M[r] Bowne having settled with the lessees and paid all costs, it has been usual to remit the penalty, and the remission is accordingly recommended

Captain Jennings, of the Ship President, was also written to for not reporting his passengers, which he having since done, and paid all

costs, the remission of the penalty (being usual in such cases) is also recommended

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the penalties incurred were remitted

The Attorney presented the following Report on notices to the Tenants on Chatham Square

The Attorney of the Board, at the request of the Comptroller, has prepared the Drafts of the requisite notices to the Lessees, or whom else it may concern, of the several premises situate on the north westerly side of Chatham Street, between the Gaol and the Free School adjoining Tryon Row in the [43] 6th Ward (held under leases from this Corporation to John Moore dated 1 November 1821, to James McCarthy dated 1 May 1821, to Ithamar Osborn dated 29th October 1821, to John Moore dated 1 May 1812 and to Wm B. Dobson, dated 1 May 1812.) declaring that the same, or a part thereof, are required by this Corporation for widening and straightening Chatham Street, and for other public purposes; and that it is the will and intention of this Corporation that the said several leases of the said premises shall determine on the first day of May next; and that on or before said first day of May next, the whole of the said premises, with the appurtenances, held under the Leases aforesaid, must be quit, surrendered, and yielded up to this Corporation

The Attorney respectfully submits these notices to the Board in order that the requisite number of Copies of the same, which the Comptroller has been requested to serve, may be directed to be authenticated under the Seal of the Board, in the usual manner, during the recess

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Which were approved, and they were directed [44] to be duly authenticated under the Corporate Seal.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the following Assessments, and Warrants were ordered to Issue to Morris De Camp to collect the same, viz.

For paving Beekman St. from Pearl to Water St

For do at Gouverneuirs Slip

For Opening 5th Avenue

For do Thompson St.

The Street Commissioner also presented the following Assessments, which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereon

Assessment for paving Willett St from Grand to Stanton St & Morris De Camp was Appointed Collector

Do for Well and pump in Elizabeth St. near Spring St. and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

Do for paving Washington St from Beaver Lane to Marketfield St and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner also presented the following Ordinances which were passed—viz,

[45] For paving the side Walks in Stanton St. from the Bowery to Eldridge St. and Abr^{m} Dally, Benjamin Prince and John Targee were appointed Assessors

For paving side walks in Orange St. from Broome to Prince Street, and Isaac Kip, Cary Dunn Jun^{r} & Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

For paving the side walks in Grand St from Varick St to Sullivan St and John Salisbury, John Brower, & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

For a Well and pump in Morton Street near Greenwich St. & Isaac Kip—Cary Dunn Jun^{r} & Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

For a Well and pump near the Intersection of Greenwich and Clarkson Streets & John Salisbury, John Brower & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Nuisances for to be remedied viz

N^{o}	1	J Berrian	Owner	N^{o}	8 Ann St.	A privy
	2	J Tabell	Do		36 do	do
	3	J D Disosway	Do		11 Birmingham	Do
	4	[46] A Judson	do		106 Division St	"
	5	C Gordon	do		142 "	"
	6	do	do		144 "	"
	7	T Ruland	do		150 "	"
	8	P Downey	do		194 "	"
	9	T Place	do		200 "	"
	10	F Stagg	do		47 Ferry St	"
	11	do	do		49 "	"
	12	P Bonnet	do		64 Frankfort St	"

13	C N Baldwin	Owner	70	Frankfort St	A privy
14	M Saunders	do	22	Gold St	"
15	P Sharpe	do	36	"	"
16	S Horton	do	47	"	"
17	J Parrot	do	48	"	"
18	Do	do	52	"	"
19	D Lawrence	do	64	"	"
20	Mr Wilcock	do	73	"	"
21	J Davis	do	81	"	"
22	A Mercein	do	93	"	"
23	A Valentine	do	473	Greenwich St	"
24	W Bowne	do	5	Hague	"
25	C Pulhemus	do	73	Hester St.	"
26	B *Braims* [Brain]	do	89	"	"
27	Do	do	91	"	"
28	S. Oakley	do	95	"	"
29	E. Hoffman	do	131	"	"
30	M Wheeler	do	135	"	"
31	Do	do	139	"	"
32	Mrs White	do	11	John St.	"
33	[47] H Byrnes	do	15	do	"
34	M Switzer	do	57	do	"
35	T Jenkins	do	59	Do	"
36	A. Anderson	do	71	Do	"
37	J Greenleaf	do	21	Nassau St.	"
38	Do	do	21½	Do	"
39	A W Peckwell	do	44	Do	"
40	A White	do	66	Do	"
41	J Crygier	do	67	Do	"
42	A Merritt	do	80	Do	"
43	P Aymar	do		Do	"
44	A White	do	83	Do	"
45	J Mowatt Jr	do	86	Do	"
46	J C Bayless	do	40	Pump St.	"
47	J M Tuthill	do	54	Do	"
48	M Dixon	do	56	Do	"
49	J Deseamus	do	64	Do	"
50	F Gantze	do	70	Do	"
51	M Wheeler	do	72	Do	"
52	Mr Darling	do	74	Do	"
53	F Gantze	do	76	Do	"
54	A Tanner	do	6	Rose St	"
55	S. Fitz Randolph	do	9	Spruce St	"
56	C Eddy	do	27	Do	"
57	J More	do	33	Do	"
58	C Couenhoven	do	35	Do	"
59	A Bowne	do	43	Do	"
60	T. Amerman	do	11	Vandewater	"
61	J Webster	do	25	Do	"

62	[48] J S McCready	Owner	120	William St	A privy
63	Mrs Glover	"	129	Do	"
64	M Cruickshank	"	133	Do	"
65	D West	"	134	Do	"
66	do	"	136	Do	"
67	E H Ring	"	137	Do	"
68	J Gardner	"	142	Do	"
69	J Ammerman	"	152	Do	"
70	do	"	154	Do	"
71	J Van Buskirk	"	166	Do	"
72	Mrs Johnson	"	171	Do	"
73	Lord & Smith	"	177	Do	"
74	C C. Cogswell	"	227	Do	"
75	H Overing	"	229	Do	"
76	Mr Hide	"	231	Do	"
77	M Townsend	"	243	do	"
78	A Derham	"	263	Do	"
79	Jas Rickets	"		Spring St	A Lot

(Signed) Geo Cuming
City Inspector

He also presented his annual Report of Deaths and Interments, together with his remarks thereon, which was directed to be printed

Remarks.

The City Inspector respectfully reports to the Board, a statement of the deaths in the City and County of New York, [49] for the Year 1824, amounting to four thousand, three hundred and forty One—This number considerably exceeds that of the preceding year being eight hundred and ninety Seven more than what then took place.

The deaths by Consumption were Seven hundred and thirty Six—the Males exceeding the females Sixty Six in number

The number of Coloured persons that died of this fatal disease amounted to One hundred and Seven, The entire deaths of this Class of every Complaint were Seven hundred and Eighteen.

It is to be regretted that the Small Pox which commenced its frightful ravages in November 1823, has not yet been arrested in its course. during the last year, three hundred and ninety four died of this complaint. of which One hundred and thirteen were coloured persons. This large proportion probably arose from their greater inattention to Vaccination than the Whites manifested; yet it is well known that a very great negligence in this important practice prevails amongst the latter, notwithstanding the many opportunities afforded to all in our City

The following table is presented to [50] *to* shew the Sexes and Ages of those that died of the Small Pox. together with those of Colour under each head

	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
January	15	5	13	10	43
February	17	10	17	17	61
March	17	15	16	21	69
April	25	8	20	19	72
May	18	6	15	10	49
June	6	5	10	13	34
July	2	0	7	3	12
August	1	1	2	3	7
September	0	0	2	3	5
October	5	3	2	3	13
Novemr	9	0	5	2	16
December	5	0	6	2	13
Total	120	53	115	106	394

Of whom were Under 1 Year	45	including	13	Coloured persons
Between 1 & 2	27	Ditto	2	Ditto
" 2 " 5	62	Ditto	14	Ditto
" 5 " 10	46	Ditto	8	Ditto
" 10 " 20	41	Ditto	11	Ditto
" 20 " 30	102	Ditto	35	Ditto
" 30 " 40	35	Ditto	17	Ditto
" 40 " 50	24	Ditto	8	Ditto
" 50 " 60	9	Ditto	3	Ditto
" 70 " 80	3	Ditto	2	Ditto
Total	394	Total	113	

[51] An Annual Report of Interments in the City & County of New York, commencing on the first day of January and ending on the thirty first day of December 1824, shewing the Ages, Sexes and Disease of the persons who died,

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Novemr	December	Total
Men	101	101	107	118	116	99	101	93	97	103	128	80	1.244
Women	75	72	85	95	75	56	53	75	61	101	66	73	887
Boys	90	108	90	108	93	92	108	147	104	96	80	88	1.204
Girls	79	82	103	90	69	71	95	131	90	85	66	45	1.006
	345	363	385	411	353	318	357	446	352	385	340	286	4.341

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Novemr	December	Total
Of whom were of the													
Age of 1 Year & under	80	82	73	81	71	81	122	151	90	97	75	69	1072
Between 1 and 2.....	21	32	29	35	23	26	32	67	49	41	23	19	397
2 " 5.....	32	44	48	40	35	24	27	30	29	23	24	27	389
5 " 10.....	14	15	21	22	15	14	12	9	10	15	13	4	164
10 " 20.....	22	17	23	19	20	17	11	21	16	4	5	15	190
20 " 30.....	43	53	53	59	52	43	40	38	37	59	44	38	559
30 " 40.....	48	39	40	47	63	47	45	39	44	47	51	34	564
40 " 50.....	38	31	37	48	36	29	28	26	32	47	45	28	425
50 " 60.....	23	19	34	52	15	15	18	27	20	16	25	21	258
60 " 70.....	11	14	12	18	10	13	9	18	12	11	16	15	159
70 " 80.....	5	11	9	10	8	7	9	13	10	16	9	8	115
80 " 90.....	5	5	4	6	3	2	4	6	2	7	4	8	56
90 " 100.....	2	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	11
of 100 & upwards.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
	345	363	385	411	353	318	357	446	352	385	340	286	4341

[52] Diseases & Casualties	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Novemr	December	Total
Abscess	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	6	2	17
Aneurism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Apoplexy	5	4	6	3	7	6	4	3	5	4	0	5	52
Asphyxia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Asthma	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Burned or Scalded.....	1	2	1	3	13	1	0	1	1	2	3	3	31
Carbuncle	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cancer	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	4	9
Casualty	3	1	3	2	5	4	4	2	3	3	1	2	33
Catarrh	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Child Bed	3	1	4	5	6	7	0	3	3	1	5	6	44
Cholera Morbus	0	1	1	2	0	0	6	8	2	1	0	1	22
Colic	0	1	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	10
Consumption	67	67	67	53	60	54	55	69	57	61	76	50	736
Convulsions	24	12	8	20	19	17	32	28	15	22	15	19	231
Contusion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Cramp in Stomach.....	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	8
Diabetes	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Diarrhœa	4	3	1	3	4	1	7	8	11	6	5	2	55

Diseases & Casualties	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Novemr	December	Total
Drinking Cold Water..	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Dropsy	11	6	8	9	12	6	11	11	13	12	10	6	115
Dropsy in Chest.....	3	4	3	5	3	8	2	4	2	5	2	3	44
Dropsy in Head.....	16	21	21	20	17	18	18	19	17	16	18	17	218
Drowned	3	1	3	8	19	17	7	4	2	4	2	3	53
Dysentery	1	1	3	2	0	3	18	48	24	13	5	2	120
Dyspepsia	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	5
[53] Epilepsy	1	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	10
Erysipelas	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	8
Fever	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	5	2	8	4	2	32
Fever Bilious	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	11
Fever bilious remittent.	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	6
Fever hectic	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Fever inflamatory	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	8
Fever intermittent	1	2	2	0	1	0	1	2	3	3	0	0	15
Fever puerperal	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	6
Fever putrid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
Fever remittent	2	2	0	2	0	1	1	8	3	1	4	1	25
Fever Scarlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
Fever typhus	11	4	6	6	3	4	3	8	13	11	5	5	79
Flux infantile	1	0	0	0	1	4	24	47	15	9	1	0	102
Fracture	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Gout	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Gravel	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Hæmorrhage	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	3	14
Hæmoptysis	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	8
Hives or Croup.....	10	8	13	9	6	10	6	12	10	25	15	15	139
Hysteria	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Jaundice	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	12
Infanticide	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inflammation of Bladder	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Inflammation of the Bowels	6	6	8	12	6	11	11	9	16	9	10	4	108
[54] Inflammation of the Brain	2	3	4	6	5	7	5	4	1	4	2	3	46
Inflammation of the Chest	7	15	16	7	13	8	6	6	7	17	22	16	140
Inflammation of the Liver	0	2	2	2	4	1	3	5	6	3	6	3	37
Inflammation of the Stomach	2	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	4	1	0	2	15
Influenza	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Insanity	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	7
Intemperance	2	4	6	6	5	9	6	5	5	12	7	3	70

Diseases & Casualties	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Novemr	December	Total
Killed or Murdered	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Locked Jaw	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	11
Lumber Abscess	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Marasmus	1	0	3	2	0	0	2	1	2	4	5	4	24
Measles	10	6	13	25	13	9	10	8	2	2	2	0	100
Mortification	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	13
Nervous Disease	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
Old Age	12	14	17	14	8	5	12	12	10	20	12	15	151
Palsy	5	3	1	4	4	1	2	5	2	4	4	5	40
Peripneumony	6	3	4	2	3	2	3	3	3	1	0	1	31
Pleurisy	2	5	3	9	2	1	0	0	5	2	2	3	24
Pneumonia Typhodes...	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Quinsy	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	2	4	0	15
Rheumatism	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rickets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rupture	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6
Saint Anthony's fire....	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Schirrus of the Livre...	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
[55] Scrofula or King's Evil	1	0	1	1	2	1	3	2	2	0	2	0	15
Small Pox	43	61	69	72	49	34	12	7	5	13	16	13	394
Sore throat	1	0	0	3	2	1	1	1	1	3	6	2	21
Spasms	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	6
Spina Bifida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sprue	2	0	3	3	0	0	4	3	3	1	2	3	24
Still Born	25	19	22	27	19	27	21	23	15	20	15	17	250
Sudden death	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	8
Suicide	1	2	0	4	1	2	0	5	0	2	2	0	19
Syphilis	0	2	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	2	0	12
Tabes Mesenterica	17	11	12	6	12	5	9	15	18	9	7	9	120
Teething	3	5	1	3	1	3	6	10	7	5	0	2	46
Tumour	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vomiting blood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Ulcer	2	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	11
Unknown	5	5	5	11	5	7	9	9	6	10	7	7	56
White Swelling	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Whooping Cough	11	26	12	9	6	6	10	8	8	9	7	4	116
Worms	2	2	2	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	13
Total.....	345	363	385	411	353	318	357	446	352	385	340	286	4341

Geo. Cuming
City Inspector

[56] The public Administrator presented a Report which was referred to the Finance Committee,

The Recorder presented the following Resolution

Resolved; That the police Committee be authorised to employ the District Attorney to revise the Criminal Laws and submit such amendments and alterations as his experience may suggest to the considerations of *of* the Gentlemen appointed by the State to revise the Laws—and if the Committee deem it expedient that they request the District Attorney to go to Albany for the purpose—which was referred to the Law Committee

The Recorder also presented the following

Resolved, That it be referred to a Committee to ascertain whether the N Battery be any longer required by the Gen[l] Government for the purposes of Defence, and if it be not, then, what measures ought to be adopted to obtain a Recession—Which was referred to the Committee on Lands and places

The Recorder also presented the following

Resolved. That it be referred to a Committee to inquire into the expediency [57] of vesting in the Corporation the exclusive right to introduce pure and wholesome water into the City—Which was referred to the Water Committee

The Recorder also, to ascertain the progressive increase of the City presented a resolution requesting the Master Builders to report the number of dwelling houses and Stores built by them during the Year 1824 which was referred to the Street Committee

Alderman Cowdrey presented a resolution for an Application to the Legislature for a Law directing all Loan Offices to cause all Mortgages taken by them to be recorded in the Register's Office and the Secretary of State to furnish each County with an Abstract of all conveyances and Mortgages as refer to Lands in each County—Which was referred to the Law Committee

M[r] Hone offered the following which was referred to the Watch Committee with powers

Resolved, That the Watch Committee be hereby authorised to cause a sufficient number of Hand biers to be constructed one of which shall be deposited in each of the Watch Houses for the purpose of removing [58] dead bodies or disabled persons who may be found in the Streets at night

M[r] St. John presented the following

Resolved. That the Committee of Public Lands and places be instructed to cause the Manure on the Battery and Park, to be spread

and the ground prepared and sowed with grass seed if they shall deem it necessary—which was adopted

Alderman Davis presented the following.

Resolved, That ——— be a Committee to consider and report on the propriety of petitioning the Legislature so to alter the Charter of the Savings Bank as to constitute the Mayor & Recorder for the time being Trustees of that Institution, and also so to amend the said Charter as to vest any surplus which may accrue to said Bank in consequence of unclaimed deposits, or Interest or otherwise, and that they confer with the Trustees of said Institution on the subject, which being read was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

[59] His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that agreeably to a late Law it was made the duty of the Common Council at some time in the Month of January to Appoint One person from each Ward of the City to constitute the Commiss[rs] of the School Money

Upon Motion of Alderman Mann the Board proceeded to that duty when the following persons were appointed

First	Ward	Oliver H Hicks
Second	Do	Jacob Drake
Third	Do	John Adams
Fourth	Do	Hiram Ketchum
Fifth	Do	Gideon Tucker
Sixth	Do	Samuel Akerly
Seventh	Do	David Lyon
Eighth	Do	Peter H Wendover
Ninth	D[o]	George S. Doughty
Tenth	Do	Joseph Piggot

And it was Resolved. that the consideration of the 4[th] Section of the Law of this State relating to Common Schools in the City of New York, passed 19[th] November 1824, be referred to the Committee on Laws

Alderman Mann agreeably to Notice of last Meeting moved that the Board now proceed to the Election of Mayor for the ensuing Year—The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative—His honor [60] the Mayor M[r] Paulding requested that he might be permitted to leave the Chair which was agreed to and he accordingly retired from the Common Council Chamber. The Chair was then taken by the Recorder M[r] Riker—M[r] Bolton then moved that Tellers be appointed who with the President should Count the Ballots.

which was agreed to, and the president appointed Assistant Bolton of the first Ward and Mr Assistant Rathbone of the 10th Ward Tellers—The Board the[n] proceeded to Vote by Ballot for the Mayor—Upon Counting the Ballots it appeared that there were 20 Ballots which corresponding with the number of Members present, The President and Tellers proceeded to open them and upon counting them it appeared that William Paulding Junr had 19 Votes and Philip Hone One Vote—William Paulding Junr therefore was declared duly elected and it was Resolved, that Wm Paulding Junr be and he is hereby declared Mayor of the City of New York for One Year and until another shall be chosen and Sworn in his place

It was then moved that a Committee be appointed to wait upon Mr Paulding and inform him of his Election, and [61] that the Common Council were now in Session to receive him and before whom he might take the Oath of Office—This being agreed to the Recorder appointed Alderman Mann & Alderman Wyckoff a Committee to Wait upon the Mayor elect, who accordingly retired and in a short time returned with Mr Paulding and presented him to the President who having informed him of his election proceeded to administer to him the Oath of Office. this duty being performed the Recorder handed him to the Chair when the Mayor after returning his thanks to the Common Council for this renewed mark of their favour and their confidence, and expressing his acknowledgements for the friendly and efficient support which he had received from the members of the late Board in the discharge of his official duties, he assured the present Board that he would to the best of his abilities endeavour to discharge the duties of his office as most effectually to advance the interest of this great Metropolis

The Mayor then took his Seat and the following business was transacted

Alderman Mann observed that the Gentleman who now performed the duties of Counsel of this Board, performed these duties under a mere request of the Board until [62] another should be appointed to that Office. He moved that the Board now proceed to the appointment of a Counsel for the Corporation—Alderman Ireland presented a Resolution upon which no question was taken and the Board proceeded to ballot for a Counsel—Upon Counting the Ballots for a Counsel it appeared

Michael Ulshoeffer	had	18 Votes
James Kent	"	1 Vote
J O Hoffman	"	1 Vote

And there was One Blank—Whereupon Michael Ulshoeffer was declared duly elected and it was Resolved that Michael Ulshoeffer be and he is hereby appointed Counsel of the Corporation during their pleasure

Alderman Ireland then called for a decision on the Resolution prepared by him the same having been read was in the words following

"Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on public Offices to enquire into the expediency of uniting in One person the Office of Counsel and Attorney; and whether the public interest requires that the duties of these offices should be executed by One or by two persons; and that they report their Opinion thereon at the next [63] meeting of the Board

Alderman Mann moved that the consideration of the same be postponed. The question being taken thereon and a Division Called by Alderman Ireland the Members Voted as follows

Negative — Aldermen King — Ireland — Cowdrey — Wyckoff — Webb & Taylor—Messrs Bolton, St John—Hone—Agnew—Burtsell —11

Affirmative—Mr Recorder—Alderman Reed Mann — Davis — Ostrander—Messrs Hedden—Dunscombe—Schieffeline & Rathbone—9

So the question of postponements was lost.

A Motion was then made to refer the Resolution to the Committee on Public Offices

The question being taken thereon and the Ayes and Noes having been called by Mr Schieffeline, the Members Voted as follows. Viz.

Affirmative—Alderman. Wyckoff — King Ireland — Cowdrey — Webb & Taylor—Messrs. Bolton—St John—Hone—Agnew and Burtsell—11

Negative—Mr Recorder—Alderman Reed — Mann — Davis & Ostrander—Messrs Hedden, Dunscomb—Schieffeline [64] and Rathbone—9.

So the question of Reference was carried.

The Comptroller made the following Report—Viz.

Balance as per Acct 3d Inst	93.61
Recd for Tax of 1824. 2. 3. 4. 7. 10 Wards	10.650.
" Intestate Estates	4.179.91
" Streets	2.491.50
" Rents	2.145.

Recd for Fines &c of Attorney	750.30	
" Justices Courts	640.38	
" Fines &c of Sheriff	106.	
" Wells & pumps	100.	
" Mayoralty fees	89.25	
	21.245.95	
Deduct amount entered as a Loan 3d Inst. but not taken...	4.800.	
		16.445.95

66 Accounts Audited

Leek & Concklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2d Do	666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3d Do	645.75
R Graves. St Commr 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst	400.
Geo. B Smith Asst St Commr 1 Q Salary 15 In	337.50
John Sidell 1 Marshall 1 " 1 "	225.
S St. John Amount Advanced for Manure Carted on the park	20.15
[65] O Jaques St Inspecr 1 Ward 473 Loads Carted on the Battery	118.25
A Burtis Superr Alms House and Officers 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst	537.50
Jas Kent one half Arbitration fee, deciding Case of Hope Insurance Co	25.
Jas Renwick for Computing Life Interest sundry persons in Fly Market Stalls, 1796	25.
Ald Wyckoff attends issuing T & E Licenses 4 May 31 Dec	40.
" Bolton do do do do do	40.
" King do do do do do	36.
" St John do do do do do	36.
" Ireland do do do do do	36.
" Hone do do do do do	36.
" Seymour do do do do do	36.
" Cowdrey do do do do do	36.
" Zabriskie do do do do do	36.
" Burtsell do do do do do	36.
" Parker do do do do do	40.
" Conover do do do do do	40.
" Mann do do do do do	44.
" Cox do do do do do	44.
" Taylor do do do do do	40.
" Woodruff do do do do do	40.
" Doughty do do do do do	36.
" *Burtsell do do do do do*	*36.*
" Munson[66]do do do do do	40.
" Ostrander do do do do do	40.
G N Bleecker making Juror List & Tickets	150.

Ald Wyckoff for persons designating Jurors 1 Ward....	50.	
" King " " " 2 "	50.	
" Ireland " " " 3 "	50.	
" Cowdrey " " " 4 "	50.	
" Burtsell " " " 5 "	50.	
" Parker " " " 6 "	50.	
" Mann " " " 7 "	50.	
" Taylor " " " 8 "	50.	
" Sherman " " " 9 "	10.	
" Ostrander " " " 10 "	50.	
J Mapes Treasr Institution Deaf & Dumb 6 Months 13 Octor	200.	
R Provoost repairing Lamps 1 Mo 1 Ins.....	71.36	
S Gould & Son Laws of the State.....	39.87	
J Bailey Acct reg & pav Suffolk St from Delancy to Stanton	750.	
H. Smith Acct. reg & pav Beekman St from Pearl to Water	200.	
H Smith Acct. reg & pav Chrystie St from Delancy to Stanton	400.	
C. Mooney, Acct. reg & pav Essex St. from Rivington to Stanton	200.	
J Culbert. Bal. reg & pav. Bleecker & Herring St from Broadway to Carmine.....	101.87	
[67] C Mooney Bal. reg & repav Chatham St from Pearl to James St.....	66.66	
Thos R Ludlam Surveys &c 1 Qr 1 Inst.....	205.52	
E W Bridges " " "	177.50	
Daniel Ewen " " "	116.	
Isaac T Ludlam " " "	28.30	
S. Fargay repairing Intersections 1. 5. 7. 8 10 Wards.....	66.72	
R Ayres Earth at Intersection of Bleecker & Crosby Sts...	2.50	
Geo Charlton. Bal. Well. Norfolk near Rivington St.....	60.75	
R Pettigrew 1s paymt Well Bleecker St near Minetto Sewer	43.26	
J. P Roome Super Repairs for repairs.....	1299.	
J P Roome do for Shop in Public Yard.....	1047.	
J P Roome Super Repairs for Fire Department.....	500.	
J P Roome. Super Repairs for New Well in public Yard..	185.	
J P Roome Supt Repairs for pump Depart.....	158.	
A Burtis Supt Alms House for Working Convicts.....	1000.	
A Burtis Sup. A House for A House.....	4.300.	
Balance		$33.99

The Board then Adjourned

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[69] In Common Council January 31st 1825

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President
Richd Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Saml Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	Wm Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Danl E Dunscomb
William A Davis	Effingham Schieffeline
Gideon Ostrander	Wm P Rathbone.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Rule which was laid for consideration was called up and read in the words following and was adopted.

His Honor the Mayor shall be a member of all Standing Committees; provided always, that it shall not be necessary for him to sign any report, and the Majority of the [70] members of any such committee, exclusive of the Mayor, shall be sufficient to pass a resolution.

A Petition that Pearl St. be widened between Old Slip and Coenties Slip—was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition that Fourth Street be regulated and paved from Broadway to the Sixth Avenue was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of several Owners of property on Sixth Avenue praying that the 6th Avenue may be opened and extended to 13th Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of L C & T Hammersley and others that Sloat Lane may at the expense of the proprietors of the adjacent Lots be straightened from the Westerly side of Lot No 123 to the Southwesterly Corner of the Store of Alexander M Muir was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from a number of Owners of Lots in Broad Street, praying that the Sewer in said Street may be extended [71] further up said Street, and that the Street may be raised—was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from the Merchants Exchange Company and Others who were Assessed for Opening and extending Garden Street, stating that from the Certificate of the Assessors it appears that their intention was to include the amount assessed as damage to the Revd David

S Bogart on the whole value of his Lot including the Buildings thereon; that the amount assessed for the Building should be for the benefit of the persons assessed for said improvement; but that by some error, a different construction has been given to their report and the amount has been claimed by said D S Bogart and the buildings have been sold and the amount with the assent of said D S Bogart have been paid into the City Treasury—they therefore pray that the sum so paid into the Treasury be applied under the direction of the St. Commis^{r} to making a Side walk in Garden Street—the same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of George Ferris Assignee of Lease of Lot N° 22 at Peck Slip in the Second [72] Ward which Lease expires on the first of May next, praying a renewal of the Lease to him was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Elijah Raynor Assignee of Lot N° 16 at Brooklyn requesting permission to assign the same to James Barr was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Richbill Mott was received Stating that he is Tenant of the apartments in the West wing of the Fulton Markets—that with the Approbation of the Chairman of the Finance Committee he has expended a considerable sum of Money in making improvements which were necessary for the accommodations of a family, & praying that the premises may be again rented to him or that he may be allowed a Compensation for his said expenditures; which being read was referred to the Market Committee—and it was Resolved that all the papers now in the possession of the Finance Committee which relate to the Fulton Market be referred to the Market Committee

[73] A Petition of John Arnod for the Appointment of Inspector of Street Manure was read and referred to the Committee on Application for Offices

A Petition from a number of Owners of Hackney Carriages praying, that, that part of the Law regulating Hackney Carriages which designates places at which Hackney Carriages may Stand waiting for employment, may be repealed was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Catharine Murray to be relieved from an Assessment of Tax on her personal property was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of John Benham for the Office of City Weigher was referred to the Committee on Application for Office

A Remonstrance from Sundry Owners of property in Skinner St.

against the petition for widening said Street, was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of the Trustees of the Free School Society was received Stating [74] that the Ground on which Free School N° 3 Stands has by mistake be[en] Assessed as belonging to Trinity Church and has been sold for the Nonpayment of the Tax so assessed, and praying relief—was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Arnout Brown Owner of Lot on North west side of Laurens Street between Prince and Houston Streets complaining that several Houses project in the Street to his injury and praying the Owners may be directed to put them back on the line of the Street—was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Jeremiah Vanderhoven was received stating that his father who was a Cartman has died & has left a Widow and five Children whose only means of support was his labor—that he has left a Horse and Cart and petitioner solicits he may receive a License as a Cartman to enable him to support his Mother & the family—The same having been read was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

[75] A Petition of Jacob Rabbineau was received stating that at the solicitation of a number of the Citizens he was desirous of establishing an elegant Salt Water floating Bath to be stationed at the Battery between Castle Garden and Marketfield Street and requesting permission therefor—Which was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips

A Petition of Rulef Duryee for Office of Inspector of Street Manure was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Memorial of James Beekman of the 9th Ward requesting permission to take Stones from the Highway for repairing the water courses on his premises was referred to the Road Committee

A Petition of Michael Floy to be permitted to remove a Building now standing on 8th Street to near 13th Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 9th Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition from William Darrow to remove a Building from Grand to Elizabeth St was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward & St Commissr with powers

[76] A petition of Thomas Walton late Captain of City Watch praying compensation for sundry expences incurred in the exercise of his duty as Captain of the Watch, was referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of sundry Owners of Lots that Water St between Pike

& Rutgers Slip be regulated and a Curb Stone and Side Walk laid was referred to the Street Committee

A Memorial of Gideon Lee & others Inhabitants and Land holders in the 9th Ward was received stating—That memorialists have some years passed paid an assessment for opening the 8th Avenue—that said Avenue has been partially regulated and worked, but there is still left an impassible road of Two Miles, and they pray the said Avenue may be now completed—the same being read was referred to the Road Committee

A Memorial was received from Robert James Crommeline stating his Claim to an undivided moiety of the vacant Lot on the corner of Wall & Nassau Street and praying a reference [77] to a Committee to examine his title thereto Which was read and referred to the Counsel of the Board

A Petition was received stating that petitioner John Field is sub Lessee of certain premises owned by the Corporation situated at the corner of Chatham & Duane Street formerly leased to Susannah Bailey which lease expires on the first of May next—That there is a covenant in the Lease that upon Lessor & Lessee not agreeing as to the Rent on the expiration of the Lease the Buildings are to be valued and paid for by the Lessor—That petitioner is desirious of having a renewal of the Lease and prays three indifferent persons may be appointed to say at what Rent the Lease should be renewed to Petitioner for the term of 21 Years—The same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to act in the premises

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants Venders and purchasers of Hay, requesting that a suitable Stand may be assigned for the Sale and purchase of Hay—was referred to the Committee on Lands and places

A Petition from Israel Corse & Son and Others praying that Cliff Street may be [78] extended and widened from Beekman Street to Frankfort Street, was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from the Members of Fire Engine Hook & Ladder C° N° 3—praying that some additional men may be added to the said Company, was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of Samuel Page and Others praying that the Slip as laid out on the Map of the City between Stanton & Rivington Streets be filled up, as there is not sufficient Water at that place to accommodate Vessels, Which was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers & Slips

A Petition of Henry Eckford and Others owners of property in the 7th & 10th Wards of the City praying that the portion of Ground lying between Scammel & Gouverneur Streets at the Intersection of Grand & Harman Streets and extending from Grand to Harman Streets be taken for the purpose of enlarging the Opening at that point & laid out as a public place or square—Which being read was [79] referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of George Rapalye for relief from Tax imposed on him in the 5 Ward was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Nathan Keeler for relief from personal Tax imposed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Benjamin Armitage and others was received stating that within the Block bounded by Maiden Lane Pearl St, Pine & William St, there is a large quantity of Land in an unimproved state which would be of great advantage to the City, if the same was brought into use—that this can only be done by opening Cedar St. from William to Pearl Street, and they request that the usual measures be taken for that purpose, which having been read was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Henry Lynch for relief from a Tax imposed on him, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Sampson Benson was received stating that a House belonging to him at [80] Haerlem and two Acres of Ground were assessed *cssessed* in the name of his tenant Edward Vermilyea who neglected to pay the Tax assessed thereon, he therefore prays the Corporation will remit the expences of the 2nd Advertisement and Lease which have not accrued, amounting to Seven dollars which being read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition from the Foremen of the several classes of Licensed Cartman stating sundry grieviances which they labour under and praying redress was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of James Sargent to be appointed an Inspector of Firewood, was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips

A Petition of Philip Hone for permission to set the curb Stone and regulate the Walk in front of his property on Fourth Street, between Broadway and Mercer Sts. under the direction of the proper Officers—was referred to the Street Committee

[81] A Petition of Wm A Hardenbrook for Office of Keeper of Potters field was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Owners and Occupants of property in the 7th 8th & 10th Wards for the suppression of Vice and immorality in the

vicinity of Corlears Hook, was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Samuel Edgar that a Cartman's License may be granted to him accompanied with a recommendation from the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of Albany, and from his Excellency De Witt Clinton Governor of the State, under the privy Seal of the State was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition of Arthur Tappan & others owners and occupants of property in Pearl Street near Hanover Square was received stating that they understood there is a petition for widening Sloat Lane at Hanover Square—but concerning the improvement prayed for by the petition is not sufficiently extensive—they pray it may be so widened as the Corporation may see fit to direct—Which being read was referred to the Street Committee

[82] A Communication was received from the Clerk of the Justices Court of the 4th & 6 Wards stating that the Lease for the Court room expires on the first day of May next—Whereupon the same was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 4th & 6th Wards with authority

A proposal of Peter Smith to contract for digging and regulating Montgomery St. from Harmon to Lombardy St. was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Thomas Knox to be relieved from a Tax on his personal property the same having been assessed in the Monied Institutions of the City accompanied with a Certificate from the Assessors to that effect was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A petition of David Lydig to be permitted to commute for the Rent reserved on a Grant to him dated 14th November 1804 for a Water Lot lying between Front Street and South Street in the 4th Ward, Was referred to the Finance Committee

[83] A Petition from the Managers of the New York Mechanic & Scientific Institution was received stating—That the *C* [efforts] which have been made under the patronage of the Institution, whose object has been to diffuse knowledge to Mechanics and Apprentices through the medium of Lectures—and experiments upon different branches of Mechanical and Chemical Philosophy and by stimulating ingenuity, taste, and enterprise by Fairs for the exhibition of domestic fabrics have been attended by satisfactory results and have gained for the Institution no inconsiderable share of popular favour—that their example has been followed in Philadelphia & in the Cities of London and Glasgow and most of the large Towns in England and Scotland—But without a Building respectable in its appearance and adapted by

its structure to the wants of the Society, its success they are persuaded must be precarious—They therefore have turned their attention to a plan suitable for their purposes and they think that the portion of Ground of the Arsenal which has been cut off by the continuance of White Street from the Main Lot on which the Buildings Stand, would answer their views This ground they understand is no longer [84] essential to the purposes for which it was granted, and upon being relinquished by the State will again revert to the Corporation—They therefore pray that on the same being relinquished by the State, it may be granted in perpetuity to the New York Mechanic & Scientific Institution—The same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Joseph O Bogart to be relieved from a demand against him for Cellar rent in Fulton Market was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Enos Baldwin for permission to erect an Iron railing at the end of his House corner of Broome and Orange Streets, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward with powers

The Market Committee on the subject of the vacant ground adjoining to Essex Market presented the following Report. Viz

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution in relation to leasing the vacant [85] ground in the rear of Essex Market—beg leave respectfully to report. That under the authority of the Board the Market Committee formerly purchased a piece of ground fronting on Grand Street and extending from Essex to Ludlow Street, 175 feet on Grand Street and 87 feet 6 Inches in depth, for the purpose of erecting a new Market to supply the place of one which stood in and obstructed Grand Street.

It was the intention of the Committee after erecting the New Market, and leaving what they then considered a sufficient space of circumjacent ground, to lease the lots in the rear of the Market, with a reasonable expectation that the annual rent would exceed the Interest on the whole cost of the ground and improvements. in pursuance of this determination, a small, but handsome and commodious Market House, has been erected in the centre of the Ground, fronting on Grand Street and eight lots have been reserved in the rear, each of which (by a plan herewith submitted) is intended to be 37 feet 6 Inches in depth—There is no doubt in the opinion of your Committee, that in the event of these Lots being leased, according to the original plan, the expectations of the Committee would be fully realized, [86] but it is now believed that the encrease of population in that part of our

City requires additional accommodation and perhaps and extension of the Market may soon become necessary. Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the space in the rear of the Market as laid down in the present plan is insufficient and should be encreased from 22 feet to 34 feet 6 Inches, leaving two Lots fronting on Essex and Ludlow Streets each 25 feet by 87 feet 6 Inches, Which two lots your Committee recommend should be sold forthwith, this course is recommended in the firm belief that the Lots will produce a sum sufficient to reimburse the whole cost of the Ground and improvements—Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that two Lots of ground fronting on Essex and Ludlow Streets each 25 feet front and rear, and 87 feet 6 Inches in depth, be sold at Public Auction under direction of the Market Committee, and that the residue of the Ground owned by the Corporation adjacent to Essex Market be left open for the accommodation of the [87] Market.

(Signed) Philip Hone
Thos Bolton
Wm H Ireland
Mathew Reed
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices on the petition of Geo. Harsen, John Covert Wm Van Wart, John Smith and Abraham Van Osdal to be reinstated in their Offices reported as follows.

The Committee on public Offices to whom were referred the several petitions of George Harsen, late a Measurer of Grain, John Covert, William Van Wart, John Smith and Abraham Van Osdol late Inspectors of fire Wood, Augustus Van Horn & Eleazor Jones late City Weighers—Report, that it was not their intentions by their late report limiting the number of Offices under the Common Council to exclude any who then actually held, and exercised the duties of such Offices. (except in particular cases) Altho. they might not have reported themselves and taken the requisite Oath of Office by the time limited; presuming that there might be cases where such neglect might be satisfactorily [88] explained. Such is the situation of the petitioners some were prevented from reporting by sickness others never heard of the requisition until after the time had elapsed. Under these circumstances your Committee deem it expedient that they should be reinstated, without intending to vary in the least degree from the

principles of their former Report, and accordingly they offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that Augustus Van Horn & Eleazor Jones be appointed City Weighers George Harsen be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain and that John Covert, William Van Wart, John Smith and Abraham Van Osdal, be, and they are hereby appointed Inspectors of fire Wood for the respective districts which they lately held.

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Elisha W King
Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor
Saml St John
Saml Cowdrey

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

(*Report of Market Committee on Petition of Blaze Ten Brook see page 118)

[89] The Committee on public Offices to whom was referred to enquire into the expediency of uniting in One person the Offices of Counsel and Attorney to the Common Council presented the following Report.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred to inquire into the expediency of uniting in One person the Offices of Attorney and Counsel, to the Common Council,

Report, That they have bestowed upon the subject committed to them, that consideration which its importance seemed to require, The Municipal concerns of this City many years since had become so extensive and important that it was deemed necessary to constitute a legal adviser; since that time those concerns have increased in the same ratio as our population and Wealth, until the Office of Counsel has become the most laborious and responsible of any under the Common Council, his compensation ought therefore in the Opinion of your Committee to be ample

The Office of Attorney however is widely different, his duties are chiefly confined to the smaller Courts in the enforcement of the penal ordinances for minor offences, and from its nature can never become very popular.

The Chief inducement therefore to hold [90] that Office must necessarily be its emoluments, and experience has shewn that those Emoluments may be increased or diminished according to the cupidity of the incumbent.

From these considerations Your Committee are induced to recommend that those two Offices be united in one person, under a belief that the highly respectable situation of the Counsel will be a guarantee for the faithful discharge of the duties appertaining to the department of the Attorney and that the public good will thereby be promoted. From general opinion your Committee were led to believe that the emoluments of those Offices united were very considerable, and have accordingly enquired into it with a view to a reduction if practicable. But upon investigation it appears that the average annual profits to the present incumbent have not exceeded two thousand dollars after making reasonable allowances for Clerk hire, Office rent, and occasional assistance; which amount, in the Opinion of your Committee ought not to be reduced, There is also one other consideration 'tho of minor importance [91] which ought not to be left unnoticed. Whilst these two Offices were seperated the Counsel received a Salary of Four hundred dollars, which was but reasonable, and in case of separation ought again to be allowed—By the plan proposed this amount may be saved, the profits of the Attorney's business being considered an equivalent. In accordance with the principles of this report, Your Committee beg leave to Offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the Offices of Counsel and Attorney to the Common Council be united in One and the same person. And that no One shall hold those Offices who shall not be of the degree of a Counsellor of the Supreme Court of at least two Years Standing

.. All which is respectfully submitted by

Elisha W King
Jameson Cox
(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Sam[l] Cowdrey
Sam[l] St. John

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

]92] The Committee on Public Offices on the petition of dealers in Weights & Measures that an additional Sealer be appointed, reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the petition of John V Graham and others dealers in Weights and Measures praying that an Additional Sealer of Weights and measures may be appointed.

Report, that it appears as well from the said petition as otherwise, to the entire satisfaction of your Committee, that an additional Sealer

of Weights & Measures has become necessary not only for the convenience of those who vend those articles but to a large portion of our citizens who use them

One reason among various others urged by the petitioners is; that whilst there is but one sealer his residence must necessarily be remote from a great part of those who have occasion to apply to him, and in case of his sickness, absence, or occupation in other business, they must necessarily experience great delay and inconvenience, This reason among others your [93] Committee deem conclusive and finding by a Law of the State, passed the Twenty fifth day of March 1821— that the Common Council have the power to appoint " as many Sealers of weights and measures as they may deem proper (Laws of New York Vol 5, page 180, Sec 4.) your Committee feel no hesitation in recommending that one additional Sealer be appointed. Altho' the petitions of two Candidates for the Office have been referred to your Committee yet believing that the object of the reference was rather with a view that this Committee should enquire into the expediency of the measure, than the fitness of the Candidates, they have therefore purposely abstained from recommending either Candidate to the prejudice of the other, They have nevertheless investigated the Characters and Capacity of both, and are well satisfied that either will discharge the duties of the Office to the entire satisfaction of the public. With these remarks Your Committee submit the following resolution

Resolved, That there shall be one additional Sealer of Weights and Measures appointed in and for the City and County of New York who shall keep an Office in such part of the City as the Mayor thereof for the time being shall designate

[94] All of which is respectfully submitted by

(Signed) Elisha W King
Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor
Saml Cowdrey
Saml St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Comptrollers Report and Estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures of the current year presented the following which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The finance Committee, to whom was referred the Comptrollers Annual Communication, and estimates of receipts and expenditures for the year, beg leave to report, That after examining the same, they are of the opinion that it will be necessary to apply to the Legislature for authority to raise the sum of $300.000, being the same amount authorised to be raised by the act of the last year. This estimate includes all the necessary improvements for the year—Your Committee think, that it will not be necessary to raise any further sum [95] for the Battery improvement, and therefore the Tax for the next year will be $25.000 less than for the present—Your Committee offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel of the Board prepare a proper Memorial to the Legislature and drafts of a Law, for the Annual Tax Law agreeably to this Report, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to authenticate the same during the recess of the Board, and forward the same to Albany

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

The Street Committee on the petition of Henry J Wyckoff for permission to place his Building on Broad Street so as to form a line with the Buildings already erected reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry J Wyckoff for permission to place his buildings about to be erected on Broad Street, so as to form a line with the buildings already erected on that Street

[96] Report that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, as thereby a uniformity would be produced in the line of buildings on the Street, and no possible injury would result to the public—they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that the request of the petitioner be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Saml St John
(Signed) Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition of J. S. Crary to place an Iron railing across the end of his house reported in favour as follows

The Street Committee report on the petition of John S Crary for permission to erect an Iron railing along the end of his House, corner of Broadway & Franklin Street, that they can see no objections to granting his request—and therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved, that the request of the [97] Petitioner be granted under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Jacob B Taylor
Saml St John
(Signed) Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for opening Sixth Street from Broadway to Christopher St. reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Owners of the property on Sixth Street, praying that, that Street may be opened and extended from Broadway to Christopher Street—Report, that the interest of individuals, and public convenience require that their request should be granted—and also in conjunction with the opening of Sixth Street, it will be necessary and proper that Art Street, & Greenwich Lane should be closed from Broadway to the Sixth Avenue—Accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved, that Sixth Street be Opened and extended from Broadway [98] to Christopher Street;

Resolved, that so much of Art Street and Greenwich Lane as lies between Broad Way and the Sixth Avenue be closed

Resolved, that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures for carrying the foregoing resolutions into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Saml St John
(Signed) Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Special Committee consisting of the Aldermen & Assistants of the 8th & 9th Wards to whom was referred the petition on the subject of Pottersfield and praying that Interments may no longer be permitted therein presented the following Report.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th & 9th Wards to whom was referred the memorial of the Owners and Occupants of property in the vicinity of Pottersfield requesting that Interments may be discontinued at that place, and that a suitable [99] Scite may be assigned for that purpose more remote from the improving & inhabited parts of the City—Report, that they have given the subject all the attention which its importance so justly demands—and are of the Opinion that the time has arrived when interments should be interdicted in a part of Our City so rapidly improving as that in the vicinity of the present Pottersfield. and that suitable & proper grounds should be located upon [premises] farther removed from the inhabited parts of this growing Metropolis—In prosecuting the duties Assigned them, Your Committee have fixed on a piece of Ground belonging to this Corporation, every way suited both as to soil and distance, for a public Cemetary or Pottersfield—the ground has been lately improved by the Commissioners of the Alms-house and is enclosed by a strong Stone Wall, the distance from the City Hall not exceeding three and an half miles, and not more than One and an half miles from the Alms House or the State prison—it is of easy access, being situate between the third and fourth Avenues, and between the 48th & 50th Streets, and can be approached from either the 3d or the 5th Avenues, and will require no [100] preparation for its immediate occupancy than that of a small tenement as a residence for the Keeper, presuming that a further description is unnecessary, Your Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved, that the grounds described in the foregoing report, be, and the Same is hereby assigned and set apart as a Pottersfield or public Burying ground

Resolved, that all interments shall cease to be made in the present Pottersfield from and after the first day of May next

Resolved, that the Superintendant of Repairs be, and he is hereby directed to cause a suitable building to be erected on the Grounds designated for a new Pottersfield, for the use of the Keeper thereof

Resolved that the grounds now occupied as a Pottersfield be filled up and regulated as soon as interments shall cease to be made therein

Jacob B Taylor
Wm A Davis
D E Dunscomb
Effingham Schieffeline

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

[101] And it was referred to the Committee on Lands and places to cause a suitable house to be erected for the Keeper, and have the place properly enclosed in fence and put in proper order

The Committee on Laws on the subject of the Letter of John Woodward Esq[r] respecting the deficiencies of the Jury List presented the following Report.

The Committee on Laws, to whom the annexed communication of John Woodward Esqr Clerk of the City and County of New York, Setting forth the defects in the late returns of Jury lists made to him, and also the defects in the law relating to the obtaining of Jury lists, & the drawing of Jury ballots, as applicable to the City and County of New York, was referred, Report, That they have given to these subjects, that deliberate and careful attention, which their importance demands. The result is a conviction that the defects pointed out by M[r] Woodward, do exist. To obviate the imperfections in this law, and the practice under it, the Committee are of Opinion with M[r] Woodward, that considering the constantly varying, and increasing state of the population of this City, and the difference in this, and other particulars, between this City, [102] and other parts of the State, it would be advisable to apply to the Legislature, for a Law authorizing this Board, to provide for the taking of Jury lists for the City and County of New York, and for an amendment of the 11[th] Sect. of the said Law, so as to make the same applicable, in its material provisions, to the City and County of New York

To effect these objects the Committee have prepared the Draft of a Bill to be submitted to the Legislature, should the Board approve of the same, which they lay herewith before the Common Council

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) S Cowdrey
E W King
Tho[s] Bolton

Whereupon the said Report was accepted, and the Bill to be enacted into a Law was approved and the Counsel directed to prepare a suitable Memorial to the Legislature, which was directed to be authenticated during the recess of the Board and that together with the Law to be transmitted to the Legislature

[103] The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the representation of the Fire Department on the subject

of storing and transporting Gunpowder presented a report accompanied by a Bill to be erected into a Law and also an Ordinance to be passed by the Corporation—Which was severally read and referred to the Law Committee

The Police Committee on the Petition of Cap[t] Smith for relief from penalties incurred by landing an Alien Passenger Reported in his favour as follows. Viz

The Police Committee to whom the annexed Petition of Andrew Smith Master of the Ship Montano was referred, Respectfully Report.

That the petitioner states, that he arrived at the port of New York from Havre in France in the fall of 1823 with some passengers, who were regularly reported at the Mayor's Office and Bonds were entered into according to Law. That besides those reported as above mentioned, there was a person on Board who had paid a Small Sum, and performed the duty of under Steward, as an equivalent for his passage. This last mentioned person was not reported as the other passengers were; and [104] sometime after he became a charge upon the City—The Commissioners of the Alms House having discovered that said last mentioned passenger had not been reported, ordered the petitioner to be prosecuted for two penalties—One of $75 for neglecting to report said person and the other of $500 for permitting him to land without first giving the Bond required by the Act. entitled an Act to reduce the several Laws relating to the City of New York into one Act.

From the evidence produced to the Committee it appears that the person who has now become a Charge to the City, was not one of the Crew of said Ship & the circumstance of his acting as under Steward in part payment of his passage did not justify the Captain in neglecting to report him with the other passengers, and to enter into the Bond as required by the Act—But inasmuch as it has satisfactorily appeared to Your Committee, and also to the Commissioners of the Alms House (who have been consulted with on this subject) that there was not any intention on the part of Cap[t] Smith either to violate or evade the Law, and as he has offered to pay [105] all the costs and expences which have been incurred for the maintenance and support of said passenger since he became chargeable to the City, and to take him back to France, Your Committee think they may recommend that relief be granted in this Instance, and they beg leave to offer the following Resolutions

Resolved, that the petitioner be relieved from the penalties incurred on his complying with the Offers made in the annexed petition, and paying Costs

Resolved, that a Copy of this Report be sent to the Commissioners of the Alms House by the Clerk of this Board.

(Signed) Thomas Bolton
Saml St John
Saml Cowdrey
J Hedden

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Police Committee on the petition of John J Groshon, Henry Camerden and William Welsh for remission of fines incurred reported favourably as follows. Viz

The Police Committee to whom the annexed petitions of John P Groshon, Henry Camerden and William Welsh were referred, praying for a remission of the penalty incurred for [106] a violation of the Ordinance of this Board regulating the raising and lowering of Merchandize within the Lamp and Watch district. Respectfully Report.

That they are of the Opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted provided they cause their respective Stores to be altered, and the fall to be carried inside. They beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted on the above conditions, and on payment of Costs

(Signed) Thomas Bolton
Saml St John
S Cowdrey
J Hedden
Wm A Davis

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Repairs and the Comptroller presented the following Report on the Accounts of Jacob P Roome Supert of Repairs which was directed to be filed.

The Committee of Repairs and the Comptroller respectfully Report, that they have examined the Accounts of Jacob P Roome Superintendant of Repairs, [107] from 7 July 1824 to 7 January 1825; and find that he has received by Warrants from the Corporation $23.469.30

Sundry Articles sold by him.....	$296.79
Balance due Corporation July 7. 1824.....	5.36
	$23.771.45
He has paid, agreeably to vouchers examined by the Commee of Repairs	23.717.11
Balance due Corporan 7 Jany 1825.....	$54.34

(Signed) G Ostrander
J Webb
J Cox
G N Bleecker Compr

The following were appointed Engineers & Firemen upon the Report of the Chief Engineer

Engineers

George Vaughn Butcher 496 Greenwich St
Vice Thomas Franklin Resigned

Edward Arrowsmith Sail Maker, 67 Orange St.
Vice James W Dominick Resigned

Fire Engine Co 2

Samuel Johnston Dyer. Cor. of Rivington & Forsyth
Vice Joshua Warren Resigned

Fire Engine Co 5.

Silas Butler Accountant 311 Cliff St
Vice Saml J Willis Resigned

[108] Fire Engine Co No 13

Henry W Barnes, Boat Builder Lombardy St
Vice B M Underhill Resigned

Fire Engine Co No 37

Joseph Welsh Ship Joiner 48 Hester St
Vice Oliver T. Scribner Resigned

John Montanye Carpenter 154 Ludlow St
Vice Henry A Rogers Resigned

The following Resolution was presented and adopted—Viz

Resolved, that it is desirable for the public convenience to straighten and widen Pearl Street on the No[r]therly side thereof at Counties Alley, in the first Ward of the City of New York, agreeably to a Map of said improvement surveyed December 24th 1824. by

Edward Doughty, City Surveyor, and now on file in the Street Commissioners Office; and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done; and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of estimate and Assessment in order that the same may be carried into effect according to the provisions of the Acts in such case made and provided

[109] The Counsel presented a petition to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners on the application for the intended improvement in Pearl Street at Coenties Alley which petition was directed to be duly authenticated

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for paving Chrystie St. from Delancy to Stanton St. Whereupon a warrant was directed to issue to Morris D^{e}Camp to collect the same

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for Well and pump in Bleecker Street near Minetto Street which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, viz.

N^{o}	1	H & J F Jackson	Owners	N^{o}	1	Burling Slip	A privy
	2	Do	do		3	do	"
	3	D. *Hollace* [Hollis]	Owner		58	Cedar St	"
	4	J^{s} Kelly	Lessee		61	do	"
	5	A. Arden	Owner		64	do	"
	6	A. Labagh	do		68	do	"
	7	[110] Estate of Allison	do		71	"	"
	8	do	do		75	"	"
	9	G Post	do		58	Fulton St	"
	10	do	do		60	"	"
	11	G Payer	do		79	"	"
	12	J Carlton	do		82	"	"
	13	W & J S Bruen	do		87	"	"
	14	H & F Frasse	do		91	"	"
	15	M^{r} Staple	do		111	"	"
	16	N R Philips	do		112	"	"
	17	S Norsworthy	do		135	"	"
	18	do	do		137	"	"
	19	P H Hegerman	do		141	"	"
	20	M^{r} Dempsy	do		198	Greenwich St	"
	21	R^{d} Kirby	do		209½	"	"

22	Wm Ovington	Owner	222	Greenwich St	A privy
23	Wm Barnes	do	224	"	"
24	Wm Robinson	do	226	"	"
25	Wm Selby	do	238	"	"
26	Saml Cassidy	do	244	"	"
27	do	do	246	"	"
28	Wm McClusky	do	248	"	"
29	Abm Vanness	do	260	"	"
30	R Prout	do	288	"	"
31	Wm Marshall	do	292	"	"
32	B. Barker	do	294	"	"
33	Josiah Concklin	do	308	"	"
34	Abrm Van Ness	Agent	318	"	"
35	Js Chesterman	Owner	25	John St.	"
36	[111] P A Allaire	do	31	do	"
37	Abrm Bloodgood	Trustee	35	do	"
38	W & G Post	Owners	76	do	"
39	M *Grygier* [Cregier]	Owner	33	Liberty St.	"
40	Abrm Gordon	Agent	53	do	"
41	G Haight	Owner	90	do	"
42	do	do	92	do	"
43	Abrm Labagh	do	113	do	"
44	W Vanalstine	do	115	do	"
45	M Lewis	do	42	Maiden Lane	"
46	do	do	44	do	"
47	W McLeod	do	48	do	"
48	Montgomery & Livingston	Owners	78	do	"
49	G P Gratacop	Owner	82	do	"
50	Joel Post	do	118	do	"
51	do	do	120	do	"
52	J Heaton	do	150	do	"
53	J McClennan	do	152	do	"
54	Mrs Rhodes	do	154	do	"
55	do	do	156	do	"
56	Mrs Byrons Estate	do	158	do	"
57	do	do	160	do	"
58	Hy Walton	do	164	do	"
59	J G Dyckman	do	21	Thames St	"
60	Jane Riddell	do	5	do	"
61	J B Thorpe	do	14	do	"
62	J Hancock	do	15	do	"
63	J G Dyckman	Agent	19	do	"
64	Wm Rhinelander	Owner	52	Robinson St	"
65	[112] Chs Heeney	Executor	323	Pearl St	"
66	Wm Shaw	Owner	No	Fourth St	A Lot

Geo Cuming City Inspecr

Alderman Taylor presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved, that Minetto Street be regulated from Bleecker Street to M^cDougall St.

The Recorder presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favour of the Chairman of the Committee appointed for the reception and Entertainment of Gen^l La Fayette for Two Hundred and fifty dollars

M^r Hone tendered a Resolution on subject of offering a Room for the meeting of the Court of Errors, which was laid for consideration

M^r Hone also presented the following which was adopted

Resolved, That the Comptroller be directed to report a Warrant in favour of the Rev John Stanford for the Three hundred dollars as a compensation for his services during the last Year as Chaplain of the [113] Establishment at Bellevue &c

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Offices be authorised to publish in pamphlet form the Communication lately made to this Board by the Rev^d John Stanford

The Report of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature on the subject of amendments to the Law regulating the collection of Taxes which was laid for consideration, was called up and referred back to the Committee on Application to the Legislature

The Petition of the Assessors of the Several Wards in relation to their compensation, which was laid for consideration, was called up and referred to the finance Committee.

Alderman King presented the following

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance to consider whether any & what alterations ought to be made in the compensation allowed to the Assessors

Alderman King presented the following Resolution which was adopted viz.

Resolved, That the Compensation of One Hundred dollars per annum now paid [114] by this Corporation to the proprietors of sundry News papers be discontinued and that an allowance of Seventy five dollars per Annum be paid to the proprietors of each of the Daily News papers printed in this City who shall duly publish the Laws and Official Notices of this Corporation—Provided the said proprietors shall signify their acceptance in writing of the said allowance to the Clerk of the Board in twenty days after publication of this Resolution

The Comptroller made the following Report, viz.

Balance as per Account 17 Inst	$33.99	
Recd for Taxes of 1824. 3. 4. 5. 6. 8 Wds	9800.	
" " Streets	3119.96	
" " Rents	2031.43	
" " Wells & pumps	229.78	
" " Board of Health. bal of late Treas	212.79	
" " Mayoralty fees	51.25	
Loan of J Fleming, from Amount of Tax paid by Incorporated Companies. without Interest on account	26.400.	
		41.879.20

74 Accounts Audited

Leek & Concklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2d "	666.75
[115] Bleakley & Brower Watch 3 dist	645.75
Wm Shepherd for injury received while acting as a Watchman	45.
Wm Paulding Junr Mayor 1 Qr Salary 26 Inst	750.
J Morton Clerk C Council 1 Qr do 1 Feb	500.
O. Ayres Asst City Inspecr 1 Mo do do	45.50
J. Coffin do do 1 Mo do do	45.50
Astin & Higbie Messengers do do do	52.
C Gilman Keeper of Battery do do do	31.
A McCready do Park do do do	31.
O Jaques Street Inspector do do do	34.87
J Wright do do do do	34.87
T Jeroleman do do do do	34.87
N B Lyon do do do do	34.87
A Ackerman do do do do	34.87
W Kerr do do do do	34.87
B Fuller do do do do	34.87
S Hutchings do do do do	34.87
D Hubbard do do do do	34.87
J Morton. Clerk C. C. for sundry Accts H Hire &c	55.81
S. St John Amt paid Carting Manure on Park	52.49
Geo Duryea Clerk Fulton Market 1 Mo 1 Feb	41.67
Isaac Astin Sweeper do 1 do	38.59
B. Hicks Asst Board of Health 1 Mo do	45.50
J Pinckney do do 1 Mo do	45.50
P H Wendover Sheriff for Officers attending Courts 1 Qr 1 Febry	1091.25
[116] S Montgomery for Officers serving Subpoenas 1 Qr 1 Febry	180.25
J Hammond Justice 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Feb	400.
E. Morrill do 4. 6 do do do	400.
H Meigs do 5. 8 do do do	400.
D M Cowdrey Clerk 1. 2. 3 do do do	187.50
G Betts do 4. 6 do do do	187.50
J Campbell do 5. 8 do do do	187.50

B. Prince Public Admins[r] for Rob[t] Robertson Estate Credited in Error Jan[y] 10. 1825 ..... 20.83
N York Statesman, Advertising 20.50
G Snethen Light[s] Lamps 1 Mo 1 Febry 771.98
N. Comstock for 11 Casks Oil 609.50
R Provoost repairing Lamps 1 Mo 1 Feb 120.40
J Van Duzer Work at Lamps 1 Qr do 48.15
David S Bogart Award for Open[g] Garden St &c ..... 15.000.
Sam[l] Campbell do do ..... 8.000.
Merc[ts] Exchange C[o] do do ..... 1.500.
Estate Henry A Coster do do ..... 1000.
Cornelius Ray do do ..... 200.
H Smith Bal reg & pav Beekman st. from Pearl to Water street 307.32
H Smith Acct reg & pav Chrystie St. from Delancy to Stanton ..... 300.
J McQueen Acct. reg. Christopher & other Streets at Greenwich ..... 250.
[117] J Bailey Acct. reg & pav. Suffolk St. from Delancy to Stanton ..... 200.
H Smith Acct. Cross Walks 3[d] Ward ..... 200.
J. Culbert bal. reg & pav Wooster St from Canal to Broome 194.10
R. Pettigrew Acct. reg & pav Washington St. from Beaver Lane to Marketfield St ..... 150.
H Smith bal. reg & repav Peck Slip between Front and Water Street 80.12
C Mooney bal. reg & pav Essex St. from Rivington to Stanton Street 52.44
W[m] Gee. posting Bills 12.50
Francis P Vidall Surveys &c to 1 Inst ..... 9.
J McComb. repairing Sewers & Intersections 1[st] Ward 48.84
M DeCamp Corpora[n] Assess[r] pav Chrystie St. from Delancy to Stanton St 20.84
H Smith for the head of *Stip* [Slip] Broome St. East river 15.73
J Gallagher 1[s] payment Well, Attorney St near Delancey St ..... 51.
A H Mooney bal Well. Elizabeth St. near Spring Street ... 41.
G. Charlton 1[st] payment Well. Amity St near 6[th] Avenue .. 40.37
Ja[s] Thompson part Expences on 2 Lots sold for Taxes and redeemed ..... 7.
[118] John Mann Jun[r] Expences on 2 Lots sold for Taxes & redeemed ..... 7.
Nich[s] Low part Expences Lot on Bedford St. sold for Taxes & redeemed ..... 7.
G Lovett 3[d] paym[t] build[g] Pier foot Chamber st 1.872.50
Masterton & Smith Extra Cut Stone work for Fever Hospital 235.69
R Graves St. Commissioner for repairs Roads ..... 400.
Lindley Murray Treas[r] City Dispensary ..... 500.

J P. Roome	Supert	Repairs, for	Repairs Docks & Slips....	1643.
J P Roome	Supert	Repairs for	Repairs.....	260.
J P Roome	do	do	Fire Depat	200.
J P Roome	do	do	Lamps	115.
J P Roome	do	do	Pump Dept	50.
			Balance	$

The Board adjourned.

* The Market Committee on the Petition of Blaze Ten Brook for stall N° 4 Centre Market reported in favor as follows

The Market Committee beg leave respectfully to Report. That they have examined the annexed application of Blaze Ten Brook for the Stand N° 4 Centre Market and Francis O Neils [119] relinquishment of the same and beg leave to recommend for adoption the following Resolution

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to Blaze Ten Brook for the Stand N° 4 Centre Market

Philip Hone
Thos Bolton
Signed Wm H Ireland
Mtt Reed
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[120] In Common Council February 14th 1825

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President
Richd Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John,
Wm H Ireland	John Agnew
Saml Cowdrey	Wm Burtsell
John Webb	Jameson Cox
Matthew Reed	Danl E Dunscomb
Asa Mann	Wm P Rathbone
Jacob B Taylor	
William A David	
Gideon Ostrander	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A Letter was received from Chs H Hall requesting an application may be made to the Legislature for an alteration in the health Law

* Note reads *see page 88.*—Ed.

so as to leave it at the discretion of the Health Officer to permit Vessels direct from China and having had no sickness on Board to come up immediately to the [121] City without a Quarantine of two days as now required by the Law—which being read was referred to the Committee on Application to the Legislature.

A Petition of Peter Fenton was received stating that he is owners of Lots in the 5th Ward between Canal and Watts Street, five fronting on the East side and five on the West side of Washington Street subject to a Quit rent, and he prays the lots fronting on Easterly side of Washington Street may be discharged from the Rent reserved & the whole rent laid on the Lots on the Westerly side of Washington Street—the same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of James Scott for permission to assign the Lease of Lot N° 137 Common Lands to Saml D Craig was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of the Owners of the Steam Boat United States soliciting a renewal to them of the Lease of the Pier in Fly Market Slip which they now occupy—was referred to Committee on Wharves piers and Slips

A Petition of Wm M Summers that the Cast Iron Mile marks by him invented may [122] be placed on the Roads under the direction & authority of the Common Council—was referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of Daniel O'Brian for relief from a fine for selling liquor without License was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition that fifth Street may be opened and regulated between Broadway and the Bowery was referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance from the Trustees of the Scotch Presbyterian Church against the proposed opening of Cedar Street & extending it to Pearl Street—was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Gardner & others Inhabitants of the 7th Ward praying that the Improvement proposed of forming a public place or park at Corlaers Hook may be carried into effect, provided the expence of the same be borne by the City generally—was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of John Baily for a contract to dig out Bancker Street from Montgomery to Banker St, was referred to the Street Committee.

[123] A petition of Scott & Francis Ficket for a water grant on the

East river in the 7th Ward agreeably to a Map with said petition presented—was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Remonstrance from several owners of Real Estate in Pearl Street, between Old and Coenties Slip against the proposed straightening and widening Pearl St. between those Slips was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of the President & Directors of the Williamsburgh Ferry Company was received stating that the Slip at the foot of Grand Street used as the Ferry to Williamsburgh required to be filled in, as there was not a sufficient quantity of Water in it and at low tide was offensive and praying the same may be filled in—which being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips.

A Petition of Nathan Sayres for Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of sundry Hay Cartman praying that certain regulations proposed [124] by them for the regulating of the Hay Cartmen may be adopted, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, piers & Slips.

A Petition *that* [of] Richard Ward proposing to the Corporation the employment of piles invented by him for constructing Bulk-heads. & also soliciting the use of one of the Public Slips for the construction of a Dry Dock was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers & Slips.

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against the petition for extending the Sewer in Broad Street, was referred to the Street Commee

A Petition from the Master Stone & Marble Cutters was received stating that in their opinion it would be very advantageous to them and to their employers to have a Sworn measurer appointed of Cut Stone and marble work, and requesting such a person may be appointed, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition of George Loft stating that he was on the 22d November last appointed a Member of Fire Engine No 30 but that the Clerk through mistake returned him to the Corporation by the name of John [125] and praying the mistake may be corrected—Was read and it was Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council correct Said mistake on the minutes of the Board.

A Petition of David Robertson praying that satisfaction may be entered on a Judgement against him and Wm H Hardenbrook which judgement he has paid & discharged was read and Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to execute the necessary satisfaction piece

A Petition of Martha & Mary Clements for relief from a personal Tax assessed on them, was referred to the Committee on Assessment.

A Petiton of Henry A Fay & others owners of Lots in the 8th Ward on & near Greene, Wooster & Amity Streets was received stating that they sometime since purchased lots bounding on said Streets supposing them to have been Streets regularly ceded, but they find they were not ceded and the persons from whom they purchased have lately on the opening of the said Streets claimed for themselves alone the whole amount of damages assessed, in which petitioners should have participated, & praying relief. which being read was referred to the Commee on Assessmt

[126] The Mayor as President of the Trustees of the Sailor's Snug Harbour presented the Annual Report of the Funds and Annual Income of that Institution as directed by Law—Which was ordered to be filed

A Letter to the Mayor from the Hon. Cadwallader D Colden of the Senate of this State dated 3rd February Inst. was read wherein Mr Colden informed, that a Law had passed authorising the Court of Errors to hold an extra Session and stating that several members of the Court wished the Court to Assemble in New York, which he thought would probably be the case if accommodations were offered to the Court—which being read was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A further petition of John Field in relation to the renewal of the Lease of the lot in Chatham Street held by him was read and laid on the table, and it was Resolved, that the Finance Committee be requested to report on the Petition of said Field referred to them at the next meeting of the Board

A petition of Anson Blake stating he is about erecting some Stores in Pearl [127] Street were it opens into Hanover Square & praying he may be permitted to place the front of said Stores on the said Street so as to straighten and widen it by giving some inches where the Street is narrowest and taking in lieu thereof some inches where the street is the widest—Which being read was referred to the Street Committee

Two remonstrances from sundry Freeholders and Inhabitants against the petition of Henry Eckford and others for forming an open space or Park at the Intersection of Grand Division and Harman Streets was referred to the Street Committee

A Petiton of the New York & Brooklyn Steam Ferry Lessees for

a renewal to them of a Lease of a small triangular lot at Brooklyn used at said Ferry, was referred to the Finance Committee

A Remonstrance of Jonathan Hillman and Asa Nelson against renewing the Lease of Cellar Store N° 4 under Fulton Market to any other person than themselves, was referred to the Market Committee

A Letter was received from Benjamin Strong and Others delegates from different religious [128] Societies in relation to the Law prohibiting Interments soliciting a conference with a Committee of the Common Council in the hope that the Law may be so modified as to meet the wishes of the Citizens without any material interference with the measures of the Common Council

Which having been read was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A Communication was received from the proprietors of the several daily papers printed in the City stating that they could not undertake the publication of the usual Corporation advertisements at a less rate than Two Hundred dollars per Annum Which was read and referred to the Comm^ee on Public Offices

The Finance Committee on the petition of David Lydig for commutation of Quit rent presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee, respectfully Report, on the annexed petition of David Lydig. That M^r Lydig on the 14^th Novem^r 1804 received a Grant for a Water lot, in the 4^th Ward, between Peck Slip and Dover St, and Front and South Streets [129] and he now wishes to commute the rent on the said Grant—But it appears by a resolution of this Board of March 23^d 1812, that Commutation is only allowed on Water grants up to the 1^st of Jan^y 1803. which has since been extended to the 1^st January 1804, and in some few particular instances to grants of a later date. Your Committee have duly considered this subject, and do not think it proper to allow any further commutation, in particular instances, which do not come within the general resolutions. But they are of the opinion that it is expedient to extend the resolutions to all grants of water Lots without any reference to the dates of such grants; and your Committee are of the opinion that in all cases of commutation hereafter, a payment should be required of a sum of money which at five per Cent would yield the quit rent to be commuted for—The present sum of money required is only so much as, at Six per Cent, would produce the amount of the Commuted rent—But your Committee think that the time has now arrived when a principel sum

of money in such cases, should be required, which at five per Cent will produce the rent to be released and Commuted

The commutation however not to be [130] allowed except on such grants in which there is but one rate or amount of quit rent reserved, or in which the highest rate of rent is payable, or at the rate of the highest amount of rent reserved or payable at any time out of the grant to be commuted for—nor is any part of a grant or less than the rent reserved in a whole grant to be commuted for, under any circumstances—nor until all arrears of rent on the grant be paid up to the time of commutation

Your Committee therefore offer for the consideration of the Board, the following Resolution;

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorised upon the payment into the Treasury of Commutations of quit rents reserved in Grants for Water Lots (when required) to report the usual releases in each case to the Board, provided that the other terms stated in this Report be complied with and that the proceeds of such commutation shall be applied in the same manner as the commutations heretofore allowed

Asa Mann
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

[131] Whereupon the same was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of Sampson Benson and of Lemuel Wells for refunding of certain expences on Sales for Non-payment of Taxes presented the following report. viz

The Finance Committee, respectfully report, on the annexed applications of Sampson Benson and Lemuel Wells—That the petitioners wish the Corporation to refund to them Seven dollars on each piece of property, heretofore sold for taxes or assessments, which they have redeemed, being for advertisements and Leases which have not been made—Your Committee, on duly considering this subject, find that on such sales charges for the last advertisement and for the Leases are anticipated, and paid to the Corporation by the purchasers; and that when the property is afterwards redeemed, (previously to the second advertisements, or the Leases being made out,) it is usual for the person redeeming to apply to the Board to be paid back the amount of the charges not expended by the Corporation, and the Board uniformly repay the same to the person redeeming the property—Such are the

cases of the petitioners now under [132] consideration; who are, of course, entitled to be allowed the amount of the anticipated charges which they have paid—But as there are frequent applications of this description to the Board, which occupy some time in the Board, and in Committee, and give rise to considerable delay; it seems to be most proper, that a general regulation be adopted, in order to avoid these inconveniences, in cases which are so plain and manifest—Your Committee therefore have prepared the following resolution, which they beg leave to submit to the consideration of the Board

Resolved that in all cases where property sold for Taxes or assessments is redeemed prior to the last advertisement, or the Lease being made, it shall be the duty of the Comptroller to report warrants to refund the amount of the charges not actually incurred, in favour of the person entitled to the same, upon a certificate of the Street Commissioner of the amount

Asa Mann
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[133] The Finance Committee on the petition of John Mason for purchase of Lot N° 83 Common Land reported as follows. viz

The finance Committee respectfully report, on an application of John Mason, Esquire, for the purchase of Lot N° 83 of the Common Lands, That the said Lot is under lease until the first of May next to John Kemp, That Mr Mason has agreed to give fifteen hundred dollars for the Lot, the deed to be delivered on or after the first of May, and the consideration money to be then paid—under all the circumstances, your Committee are of the Opinion that this Sale ought to be made to Mr Mason, on the above terms, and they therefore submit for consideration the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel on or after the first of May next prepare a Deed for said Lot N° 83 to John Mason, for the consideration of $1500—and that the Collector be authorised to receive Mr Masons note for the said amount payable on the first of May next—Mr Mason to pay the expence of the conveyance

Asa Mann
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

[134] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of the Mechanic and Scientific Institution presented a Report unfavourable to petitioners which was read and referred back to the same Committee

The Market Committee on the subject of the sale of certain Lots in vicinity of Essex Market presented the following communication

The Market Committee respectfully report That the Common Council at their last meeting authorised the Committee to sell at public Auction two lots of ground, fronting on Essex and Ludlow Streets each 25 feet front and rear, and 87½ feet in depth, From circumstances which have since occurred, the Committee are of the opinion that the above Lots cannot be sold as advantageously as was supposed, and they believe that the space on the side of this Market may be laid out in a different manner, and disposed of more to the public advantage—under these circumstances they beg leave to ask the Board to vacate the former order, and to give the Committee authority to lay out said space, and to dispose of such part [135] thereof as the Committee shall think most for the public good—They beg leave to offer the following resolutions

Resolved, That the order of this Board passed at their last meeting, in relation to said two lots of Ground be vacated

Resolved, That the Market Committee be, and they are hereby authorised to lay out the ground in the vicinity of the Essex Market, belonging to this Corporation, in such manner as they may think most for the public good, and to dispose of such part thereof as they shall think proper either at public or private Sale

Thomas Bolton. Ch. pro tem.
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Matthew Reed
D E. Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for regulating &c 4th Street reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of the Owners of property adjacent to Fourth Street, praying that, that Street may be regulated and paved from Broadway to the Sixth Avenue, Report that the improvements already made [136] and making on that Street, require that it should be paved, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That the request of the petitioners be granted—and an ordinance therefor be passed accordingly

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Sam[l] St. John
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on Petition to regulate Water Street between Pike & Rutgers Streets reported as follows. Viz.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition, praying that Water Street may be regulated, from Pike Street to Rutgers Slip, the Curb Stone Set, and the side walk laid on the northerly side thereof—Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, That the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
[137] (Signed) Sam[l] St John
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to open and extend Sixth Avenue reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Owners of property on, and adjacent to the Sixth Avenue praying that it may be opened and extended from 13[th] Street to Love lane near 21[st] Street, Report, that in their Opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, inasmuch as they only are to be affected thereby, no buildings to be removed the grounds being vacant and unimproved, accordingly they submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Sixth Avenue be opened and extended from 13[th] Street to Love-lane—and that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures for having the same carried into effect

Jacob B. Taylor
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Sam[l] St John
Asa Mann.

Which was approved and the Resolution [138] adopted, and the Petition was directed to be duly authenticated during the recess of the Board.

The Water Committee to whom was referred the subject of applying to the Legislature for a Law to vest the exclusive right in the Corporation to supply the City with water reported.

The Committee to whom it was referred to consider the expediency of applying to the Legislature for a Law which shall vest in the Corporation the exclusive right of supplying the City with water, respectfully Report, That in consequence of the necessary and unavoidable absence of two of the Members of the Committee, it has been deemed advisable, upon a question of so much importance, to lay the subject over until the united views and opinions of the whole Committee can be collected.

In the mean time, as your Committee, are informed that an Application is now before the Legislature, to Incorporate a private Company for the avowed object of supplying the City with Water, Your Committee have deemed it their duty to bring the subject partially under the consideration of the Board.

Your Committee believe that the nature [139] and extent of the privileges asked for by the proposed Company, have not been explained to the Corporation of the City, or in any way submitted to the consideration of this Board, It is obvious however that a Legislative grant of a right to introduce Water into the City, for general use, must either, by express provision, or by necessary implication give a right to dig up the public Streets—to lay down pipes, and exercise many other acts which, in the opinion of your Committee, should be done entirely and exclusively under the authority and controul of the Corporation, and subject to such regulations as in the judgement of this Board will protect the great interest of the whole City.

If any private Company should be clothed with a power to open the Streets of the City and lay down pipes, at their pleasure, without being subject to the absolute controul of the Corporation, all the public highways, whether consisting of Alleys. Streets or Avenues, might be interrupted, and Our fellow Citizens prejudiced in their Lawfull pursuits to an extent which cannot be foreseen, or anticipated—The right which every citizen now enjoys of building a Vault in the Street in front of his House might be divested, by an improvident grant to [140] an Individual Association, and thereby a valuable privelege taken away, and this Board deprived of a considerable, and constantly increasing revenue.

Your Committee are fully of Opinion that where great and vital interests of the City may be affected, by powers conferred on private incorporations, too much caution cannot be employed, and they feel

assured that the Legislature of the State would not, willingly, pass a Law which might in any way interfere with the Corporate rights of the City.

Under this view of the subject they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved, That his honor the Mayor be requested, in behalf of this Board to transmit a Copy hereof to the President of the Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and to the Members from the City of New York, respectfully requesting them to adopt such measures as will most effectually guard and protect the Corporate rights of the City.

Wm Paulding Junr Chairn
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

[141] The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom had been referred their Report and the Law reported by them presented a further report amending said Law in some particular.

Report of the 17th January was in the words following

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom was referred the annexed resolutions, Respectfully Report.

That they have considered what amendments are requisite to be applied for, to the act concerning taxes. Your Committee have agreed to the draft of a Law, very nearly similar to the one applied for last winter; which provides for the annual meeting of the Supervisors on the third Tuesday of August instead of October; and in other respects shortens the periods within which the Taxes are to be assessed. And it likewise provides that nothing in the Laws contained should be construed to effect or repeal those provisions of the old Laws as to taxes, which relate particularly to New York, and that the exemption of places of worship from taxation, shall only apply to those exclusively owned by religious societies.

Your Committee have likewise added a section to repeal all those parts of the Tax [142] laws which allow the commutation of the Taxes upon incorporated companies, and which requires the amount of such taxes to be paid into the State treasury. The effect of the commutation allowed by Law, is to render the amount to be raised in the County uncertain, because it goes into the State treasury, and the State tax and non resident tax is there retained, and the balance paid back into the County treasury is not the same amount, as the tax after a certain rate, and with a view to raise a certain amount upon the Capital.

Your Committee conceive that it would be preferable to have no commutation of the tax on the Capital, rather than to continue the existing mode of commuting which is so uncertain in its results—which transfers the tax belonging to the County into the State treasury, and which being based upon dividends, profits or income, is so much more variable and unsafe a test of taxation, than actual Capital.

They therefore, offer for consideration, the following resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel engross the said Law, and prepare and report to this Board a suitable memorial to the Legislature to accompany the same

Wm Burtsell
Asa Mann
[143] (Signed) Philip Hone
Jacob B Taylor
Thomas Bolton

Upon reading the 3d Section of the Law in the words following

"And be it further enacted, That the exemption from taxation of "any building for public worship, or any School House under and by "virtue of the third section of the said Act of the 23d April 1823, "entitled An Act for the Assessment & Collection of Taxes, shall not "extend or apply to any such buildings or premises in the said City, "unless the same shall be exclusively used for such purposed and "exclusively the property of an incorporated body, or a religious "Society."

The question being taken the same passed in the Affirmative—Alderman Cowdrey called a division the Members voted as follows.

Affirmative Mr. Recorder—Alderman Wyckoff Ireland, Webb, Mann, Taylor and Ostrander Mr Bolton—St John—Agnew—Burtsell and Cox—12

Negative—Alderman King—Cowdrey—[144] Reed and Davis Mr Dunscomb and Rathbone—6

The Law was then approved—directed to be engrossed, a corresponding Memorial prepared, duly authenticated & transmitted to the Legislature

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature on the Petition for dividing the Tenth Ward presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration and directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board

The following were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hose Co. No. 1.

Chas S Hutton, Carpenter 40 Mulberry St
Vice Benjn M Underhill Resigned

Hook & Ladder Co Nº 3

Herman Lydacker, Milkman, Bedford near 13
Vice Peter Winants Resigned

Fire Engine Co. Nº 5

Henry Peck Jeweller Ann St. Vice Samuel Acker Resigned

Fire Engine Co. Nº 11

Henry Ulshoeffer Accountant 2 Cedar St
Vice Israel C Holmes Resigned

[145] Fire Engine Cº Nº 16

James J M Valentine Lawyer Burling Slip
Vice James R Codwise Leaving the City

Fire Engine Cº Nº 22.

Benjamin Fuller Riger 166 Bancker St
Vice George Bayles Resigned

Albert Lefferts Cartman 257 Grand St.
Vice Thomas Nurse Resigned

Fire. Engine Co Nº 30

William Thompson Brewer 95 Anthony St
Vice Adam W Turnbull Resigned

The following Resolution for opening 6th St. and closing Art St. and Greenwich Lane was presented and adopted.

Resolved, That it is desirable for the public convenience to open Sixth Street in the Eighth Ward and Ninth Ward of the City of New York from Broadway to Christopher Street, according as said Sixth Street is designated and extended on a map shewing the property affected by the continuation of Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Streets at right angles with Broadway, dated New York May 1817, made by Edward Doughty City Surveyor, and approved by the Common Council on the 26th day of May 1817, and filed in the Street Commissioners Office, (the same being a Street not laid out by the Commissioners [146] of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, under and by virtue of the act entitled "An Act relative to improvments touching the laying out

of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes passed April 3d 1807) and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done: and further that it is desirable for the public convenience to have closed that part of Art Street and Greenwich Lane lying between Broadway and the Sixth Avenue in the Eighth & Ninth Wards of the said City, excepting thereout so much of the said Art Street and Greenwich Lane as may be necessary for the purpose of opening Sixth Street as aforesaid; And that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises in order that the above objects may be carried into effect, according to the provisions of the Acts in such case made and provided

The Counsel presented the following Report. viz.

The Counsel herewith respectfully presents for execution the Petition of the Common Council to the Supreme Court for the appointment [147] of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of Opening Sixth Street in the Eighth and Ninth Wards of this City from Broadway to Christopher Street, and also for closing that part of Art Street and Greenwich Lane lying between Broadway and the Sixth Avenue in the Said Eighth and Ninth Wards, and not required for the Opening of Sixth Street above mentioned

respectfully submitted

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the petition mentioned in the Report was directed to be duly authenticated

The Counsel presented a Deed to Garrit B Abeel

The Counsel herewith presents for execution a deed to Garret B Abeel of a piece or parcel of land situate in the Sixth Ward of the City on the South Westerly Side of Pearl Street between Elm and Cross Streets, and running South Easterly along Pearl Street ninety two feet from land formerly belonging to Henry Barclay, and extending back from Pearl Street at right angles to the land of Mr Janeway, for the sum of $2500.—made out by the direction of the Comptroller:

[148] Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the same was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented for execution the following Leases.

The Counsel herewith submits for execution a Lease of the Hay Scales at Duane Street for 5 Years from the 1st of May next, at the

annual rent of $2026. to Joseph Crowell, which he has prepared agreeably to the directions of the Comptroller.

respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

The Counsel also submits a Lease for the Hay Scales at Gouverneurs Slip, to Isaac Valentine, for 5 Years from the 1st May next, at the Annual rent of $32. This Lease is also submitted for execution, it having been prepared agreeably to the directions of the Comptroller

Respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Which were directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving 4th Street from Broadway to Sixth Avenue [149] which was passed and Isaac Kip, Cary Dunn Junr & Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

Also for regulating and curbing Water Street from Pike Slip to Rutgers Slip which was passed and Abraham Dally, Benjamin Prince and John Targee were appointed Assessors

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and pump in Amity Street near Sixth Avenue which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector thereof

Also an Assessment for a Well and pump in Attorney St. near Delancy St. which was confirmed & Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting nuisances

No	1	Jno C. Kingsland	Owner	44	Barclay St	A privy
	2	S A Rich	do	25	do	"
	3	Wm Mulligan	do	37	do	"
	4	Jno *Daflon* [Duflong]	do	47	do	"
	5	Saml Abrams	do	51	do	"
	6	[150] M Lazarus	"	62	"	"
	7	E Burger	"	62½	"	"
	8	T Fisher	"	76	"	"
	9	Rd Varick	"	48	Courtlandt	"
	10	Wm Sandford	"	71	"	"
	11	E Innet	"	75	"	"
	12	Rd Varick	"	8	Dey St	"
	13	C Heyer	"	22	"	"
	14	J Anthony	"	32	"	"

15	M Dale	Owner	177	Fulton St	A privy
16	Wm Smith	"	185	"	"
17	Wm Hinton	Occupt	197	"	"
18	J Purdy	Owner	209	"	"
19	E C. Priest	"	6	Murray St	"
20	N Seixas	"	8	"	"
21	A Ogsbury	"	27	"	"
22	A Stewart	"	29	"	"
23	Do	"	31	"	"
24	W & G Post	"	73	"	"
25	Wm Borland	"	37	Robinson	"
26	J C Taylor	"	41	"	"
27	M Mode.	"	47	"	"
28	D. McLaren	"		Spring St	"
29	do	"		do	"
30	S. Sinclair	"	22	Vesey St	"
31	D Phyfe	"	40	"	"
32	T Barrow	"	62	"	"
33	J Westervelt	"	66	"	"
34	Tylee & Dempsy	"	74	"	"
35	[151] Tylee & Dempsey	do	80	do	do
36	do	do	82	do	do
37	N Van Brunt	do	22	Warren St	do
38	M Jones	do	50		do
39	C Rapp	do	92		do
40	J Kingsland	do	193	Washington	do
41	T W Marshall	do	52	Orchard	do
42	P McKee	Do	61	Water	do
43	Dr Rosseter	do	214	Broadway	do
44	Dr Akerly	do		Cherry St	do

Geo Cuming Cy Inspecr

Alderman Ostrander presented a Resolution for paving & regulating Cannon Street from Broome to North Street & for gravelling the side walks—which was referred to the Street Committee

Mr Dunscomb presented the following which was adopted,

Resolved, That it be referred to the Superintendant of Repairs to have the houses in Sullivan Street between Canal and Spring Street regularly numbered on or before the first day of May next.

Alderman King presented the following Resolutions, which were adopted.

Resolved, That the Street lately opened [152] from the junction of Beekman & Pearl Street to the East river be called & known by the name of Beekman Street.

Resolved, That the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to

number the Houses and Lots of Ground in Beekman Street in the usual manner from the Park to the East river

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following which was referred to the finance Committee

Resolved, That the proceeds of all real Estate sold since the first of January last or hereafter to be sold, shall be passed to the Credit of the Commissioners of the sinking fund towards the redemption of the public debt.

The Report of the Committee on Lands & places on the subject of appointing a Keeper of Pottersfield which was presented on the 17th January last and was laid for consideration was now called up and being read was as follows

The Committee on Public Lands & places to whom was referred the subject of selecting a suitable person to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Schureman, as Keeper [153] of Pottersfield beg leave to report

That they have attended to the duties assigned them, and have with some difficulty (owing to the great number of Applicants) determined on recommending Cornelius Myers as a suitable person to fill the vacancy and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved, That Cornelius Myers be recommended as a suitable person to be appointed keeper of Pottersfield, in the place of William Schureman, resigned

(Signed) Saml St John
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

It was then moved that the Board now proceed to ballot for a person to fill that Office which was agreed to—on Counting the Ballots it appeared Cornelius Myers had 10 Votes which being a Majority of the Votes of the Members present—It was Resolved That Cornelius Myers be and he is hereby appointed Keeper of Pottersfield during the pleasure of this Board.

Mr Rathbone presented a Resolution constituting the Office of Counsel & Attorney of this Board a Salary Office, which was read and laid on the table

[154] The Comptroller made the following report

Bal as per Acct 31 Jany	$63.75
Recd for Tax of 1824. 2. 3 4. 5. 6. 7. 9 Wards	14050.
" " Rents	7.292.08
" Streets	3.247.72
" Fines &c Attorney	802.35

Recd for Justices Courts	$592.93	
" Dist Attorney fees	124.	
" Commutation Alien passengers	75.	
" Mayoralty fees	52.25	
" Fines &c Sheriff	6.	
	26.306.08	
Loan of J Fleming Treasr from Amt of Tax of 1824. paid by Incorporated Companies, without Interest	12.000.	
		38.306.08

54 Accounts Audited

Leek & Concklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2 "	666.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3 "	645.75
G N Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qr Saly 15 Inst	400.
J P. Roome Super Repairs 1 Qr " 14 "	250.
Abrm B Martling Keeper Cy Hall 1 Qr " 1 "	200.
Jno Burger regulg 4 public Clocks 1 Qr " 1 "	50.
Wm Schureman Keeper Pottersfield 1 Mo " 1 "	38.75
R. Riker Chairman Committee for reception of Genl La Fayette	250.
Abr. B. Martling Keeper City Hall, Expences Corporation 1 Qr 1 Febry	195.16
[*] S. St. John Amt advanced for Carting Manure on Battery &c	89.46
J Coffin Asst City Inspecr removing Nuisances 1 Qr 1 Febry bal	12.28
L Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Mo 1 In	64.42
J Bremner " Catharine " 1 " "	57.
P Ammerman " 6 Markets 1 " "	54.50
R Smith " Franklin " 1 " "	38.75
Geo B Thorp Keeper City prison & Depys 1 Qr 1 Febry	450.
John J Howe Physician City prisn 1 Qr 1 Febry	75.
P & A Van Pelt Printing 1 Qr 1 Feb	296.25
Jas Hopson Special Justice 1. Qr Salary 12 Inst	400.
H Abell Special Justice 1 Qr Salary 12 Inst	400.
S Ovutt Special Justice 1 Qr Salary 12 Inst	400.
S. L'Hommedieu Clerk Police 1 Qr Salary 12 Inst	312.50
R Stephens Assist Clerk Police 1 Qr Salary 12 Inst	250.
H. Scovell Justice. 7. 10 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst	400.
Wm H Smith Clerk " " " " "	187.50
Wm Sherwood Rent for Court 1. 2. 3 Wds 1 Qr 1 Inst	37.50
Abr. Knapp do do 4. 6 " " "	25.
[156] S. Downing Rent for Court 7. 10 Wards 1 Qr. 1 Inst.	25.
R Hatfield Clerk of Sessions 1 Qr Salary 12th Int	375.
Jno P Roome Crier of Court 1 Qr do 3d "	50.
R Hatfield Clerk of Sessions to pay Witnesses 1 Qr. 12 Inst.	34.

* New page, not numbered.—ED.

P H Wendover Sheriff for Deputies Convs persons to Penitentry 1 Qr 1 Inst	20.50	
H Tallman Coroner Fees 1 Qr 1 Febry	459.94	
Haydock & Jenkins 10 Casks Oil	666.50	
R Pettigrew Acct. reg & pav Washingn St. from Beaver Lane to Marketfield St	400.	
S Fargay. reg & pav Gouverneur Slip	382.63	
H Smith Acct. reg & pav Chrystie St from Delancy to Stanton St	300.	
H Smith Acct reg & pav Willett St from Grand to Stanton	300.	
J Bailey bal. reg & pav Suffolk St from Delancey to Stanton	277.83	
S Fargay Acct. reg & pav. Chatham St. from Broadway to Tryon Row	240.	
H Smith Acct Cross Walks 3d Ward	220.	
T Cummings bal. reg. & pav. Herring St from Carmine to Christopher	117.99	
A H Mooney bal. reg & pav Rutgers Slip and part Cherry St	68.42	
E. Doughty Surveys &c 1 Qr 1 Jany	105.05	
J Lucas 6th payment Carpenters Work fever Hospital	800.	
[157] Patrick Henry 12¼ days work at Battery	12.25	
Revd John Stanford for Services as Chaplain at Bellevue &c	300.	
J P. Roome Supert Repairs for Repairs	622.	
J P Roome do do " fire departt	416.	
J P Roome do do " pump do	165.	
A Burtis Supert Alms House Amt building Cells in Penitentiary	2318.94	
A Burtis Supt Alms House for Alms House	4000.	
J Fleming Treasr to pay Interest City Stock 1 Qr 1 Febry	18.500.	
Balance		$68.71

The Board adjourned to this day fortnight.

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[159] In Common Council February 28th 1825.

Present. The Hon Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St. John
Willm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Saml Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	Wm Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Danl E Dunscomb
Wm A Davis	Effingham Shieffelin
Gideon Ostrander	Wm P Rathbone

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of Heyer Bremner & Burdett for relief from penalty incurred under the Law prohibiting hoisting merchandise from the Streets—was read and referred to the Police Committee

[160] A Petition of Thomas Kent to be relieved from fine incurred under the Law prohibiting hoisting Merchandise from the Streets was read and referred to the Police Committee

A petition of James Amory to purchase in fee simple three Lots of Common Lands now held by him under Lease from the Corporation, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial of J G Swift and others Commissioners under the Act of April 1823 for establishing a permanent regulation of Streets South of 34th Street requesting a further sum of $1500 to be placed at their disposal to meet the necessary expenditures, was read and referred to the finance Committee.

A petition of Wm A Hardenbrook for Office of Captain of third Watch District

A Similar Petition from William Dusenberry

A Similar Petition from John J Vanderpool

A Similar Petition from Amaziah Dusenberry

A Similar Petition from Cornelius Stagg

A Similar Petition from Nathl Bayles

A Similar Petition from Cornes McLean

[161] A Similar Petition from Jacob Parsall

A Similar Petition from Jesse Woods

And Petition from a Committee of the City Watchmen from the several Watch Districts praying an increase of pay were referred to the Watch Committee.

A petition for a Well and pump near the Intersection of Canal & Green Streets were referred to the Alderman & Assistant of [Eighth] Ward and Street Commissioner.

A petition of James N Wells for permission to build two vaults in Hudson Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of [Eighth] Ward and Street Commissioner

A petition of J Bayard for permission to erect an awning in front of his House N° 98 Chatham Street on the first of March next—was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition of Owners of Lots in Ridge St. praying said Street may be paved between Broome and Delancey Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A petition of James Shirley requesting permission to take for his own use the dirt and [162] Stones to be removed on opening Montgomery Street offering therefor the sum of Fifty dollars and to remove the same forthwith—was referred to the Street Committee with powers.

A petition of Rachel Arden was received stating that the Commissioners of Estimate on opening the 4th Avenue estimated the damage sustained by the Owner of part of a Lot taken for opening said Avenue at $55 and Stated the Owner of said Lot to be to them unknown That petitioner is owner of said Lot & can produce her title therefor, and therefore request that the same sum of $55 be paid to her—which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial from the Trustees of the City Dispensary was received stating that the great increase of the number of Applicants for relief renders the house occupied, by them inconvenient for want of sufficient room—They state that the applicants last year amounted to between 8 & 10.000—They therefore request that the Corporation would grant for the use of said Institution a Lease of the Panoramic Rotunda after the expiration of the present Lease—Which being read was referred to the Committee on [163] Lands and Places

A Petition of Joseph S Perry for relief from personal tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of David S Jones and others owners of Lots on 4th Street for permission to pave said Street from Broadway to 6th Avenue by their own agent and at their own expence was read and referred to the Street Committee with powers.

A Petition of James W Hartell for Stall N° 33 Washington Market lately held by his father John Adam Hartell deceased. was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of James Heath, that the Office of Inspector of Weights and Measures be divided and that he be appointed to one of said Offices—was referred to the Committee on public Offices

A petition from the Inhabitants in vicinity of Green & Bleecker Street for a Well and pump at that place was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner.

[164] A petition of John R Peters for permission to construct a drain from the rear of his property N° 92. 88. 86 Pearl Street under his property N° 56 Water St down Water Street to Coenties Slip to discharge surplus waters from the premises—Which being read was referred to the Canal Committee.

A petition from Owners and Inhabitants of Lots that the flagging on Side walks on the Northerly side of Division Street be extended to Grand Street—and the Side walk on the Easterly side of Grand Street from Arundle St to Grand St. Market be flagged and the side walk on the southerly or Easterly side of Columbia Street from Grand to Stanton St. to be also flagged—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance from Sundry Inhabitants against the petition for establishing a public place or Park at the junction of Grand & Harman Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Peter Badeau to rent the rear of the Lot in Chrystie Street on which Engine Houses N° 30 and 37 are built was referred to the finance Committee

[165] A petition from the Owners & Occupants of Ground near the Intersection of Grand Division and Harman Streets. praying that the Manure there deposited may be removed, was referred to the City Inspector.

A petition of Phebe Cothrall was received stating that her Husband Thomas Cothrall had License as a Cartman—that he has lately died leaving her the Horse and Cart and requesting permission to employ a person of due Age and responsibility to drive the Cart for her use—was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A remonstrance from a number of Freeholders against the petition for opening and extending Cedar Street to Pearl St. was referred to the Street Committee.

A remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against the petition for forming an open place or Square at the intersection of Grand Division and Scammel Street was presented and referred to the Street Committee

A remonstrance of Peter Lorillard & others against the petition for

widening Pearl St. between Old Slip & Counties Slip, was read & referred to the S[t] Committee

[166] A Petition from the Inhabitants of the 9[th] Ward in Greenwich praying that a Public pier may be erected at the foot of Perry Street near the State prison—was read and referred to Committee Wharves Piers & Slips

A Report from the Trustees of the Saving Banks for the year 1824 was presented and referred to the finance Committee with authority to publish the same if they thought it necessary.

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had been served with an original Writ issuing out of the Supreme Court of this State in the case of the Corporation of the Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York—Whereupon the Attorney was directed to appear in and defend the said suit.

A petition from Caleb Morgan for relief from a Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Rodman & Samuel Bowne Lessees of Catharine Slip Ferry requesting for the accommodation of said Ferry that [167] the Pier on the South westerly side of Catharine Slip may be extended —stating that it will also add another birth for vessels to lie at and that petitioners would as a further inducement be willing to pay an interest of 6 per Cent per Annum upon one half of the cost of the said Pier during their Lease—The same having been read was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A petition from Sundry Owners and occupants of ground in the vicinity of the improvement requested, praying that a new Street may be opened from Coenties Slip to Garden Street from the present western line of Coenties Slip to the Eastern Side of Coenties Alley and to terminate with the width of at least 50 feet opposite to the Dutch Church in Garden Street—The same having been read was referred to the Street Committee

A petition of Daniel E Dunscomb to place an Iron railing around his House in Broad Way was referred to the Street Committee with powers.

A petition of Peter M Granger Lessee of Stall N° 16 Washington Market requesting permission to transfer the same to George Goodheart was referred to the Market Committee.

[168] The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred a Petition for filling up Stanton Slip to Mangin Street presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

The Committee on Wharves piers and Slips on the petition to fill up and extend the Slip at the foot of Grand Street at the East River reported in favour of the same as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the petition of Joseph G Swift and others that the Slip at the foot Grand Street at the East river may be filled up and improved Report that they have viewed the premises and are of the opinion that their request is reasonable and ought to be complied with, as the Slip is so much filled with sand as to render it useless and it is with difficulty that the ferry Boats can reach the Bridge at low water—Your Committee would therefore recommend that a Bulkhead be made across the Slip at the Easterly side of Tompkins Street and the Slip filled up accordingly they submit the following resolution.

Resolved. That the request of the petitioners be granted, and that an Ordinance be passed accordingly.

[169] (Signed) John Webb
Asa Mann
Matthew Reed
Wm H Ireland
John Agnew

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Laws on the petition of James R Manly presented the following report which was adopted.

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred the annexed Memorial of James R Manley, claiming his seat at the Board of the Common Council, as the Assistant of the 5th Ward, duly elected by a majority of the Votes of the qualified Electors of that Ward, at the last Election for Charter Offices

Report, That they have been attended by Mr Manley and his Counsel, and that after hearing a Statement of the Grounds, on which his Seat was claimed, a time was appointed to receive the evidence which he proposed to adduce—But that at such time, no witness attended, nor was any affidavit or other proof furnished to the Committee—and as a considerable time has elapsed since the aforesaid appointment, Your Committee have concluded that it is not the intention of the petitioner to pursue this subject any [further]

[170] They therefore beg leave to submit the following Resolution to the Board.

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

Respectfully Submitted.

Saml Cowdrey
Elisha W King
Thoms Bolton.

The Committee on public Offices to whom was referred the Letter from the Hon. Mr Colden on the subject of offering accommodation to the Court of Errors for holding their next sessions in the City of New York presented the following Report in favour thereof which was adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred a Letter from One of the Senators addressed to his Honor the Mayor, recommending that an invitation be given to the Court of Errors to hold their extra Session in the City of New York. Report.

That they have considered the subject of one of deep interest not only as it regards this City, but as affecting the whole Southern Section of the State

This City has long been and must continue to be, the great commercial Mart of the State and consequently the Theatre of Judicial proceed- [171] ings, yet for several years past, but a single Term of the Supreme Court has been annually held in this City; whilst the Court of Errors has been permanently located at a distance of One Hundred and Sixty Miles. The effect of which has been oppressively felt, not only by the profession but by the great Commercial interest of the whole Southern District. If then this Court of dernier resort can be prevailed upon at least occasionally to hold its Sessions here, it will in the opinion of your Committee be calculated to diminish the expence of Our Citizens and in Other respects to promote our best interests.

From these considerations your Committee do think it advisable to Invite the Court of Errors to hold its next extra Session in this City, and for that purpose they submit the following Resolutions.

Resolved, That the Honorable the Court for the Trial of impeachments and the correction of Errors, of the State of New York, be respectfully invited to hold its next extra session in the City of New York, and in case of its acceptance that a Room in the City Hall be suitably fitted up for its reception.

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to transmit a Copy of the [172] foregoing resolution to the president of the Senate

Elisha W King
Sam[l] St John
(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Sam[l] Cowdrey
Jameson Cox

The Committee on public Offices to whom was referred the subject of employing the several daily newspapers presented the following Report which was adopted.

The Committee on public Offices to whom was referred a communication from the proprietors of the several daily papers printed in this City requesting additional compensation for publishing the Laws and official notices of this Corporation.

Report, That it appears from the said Communication that the sum of One hundred Dollars heretofore allowed for publishing the various legal advertisements and notices of the Corporation is insufficient to defray the Cost of publishing the same.

That the increase of the City; and consequent increase of printing, resulting from constant improvements and modifications in our municipal concerns; have induced them to decline publishing at a less rate than Two hundred Dollars per Annum

[173] Your Committee think it due to the Gentlemen concerned to state; that their determination had been formed anterior to the passage of the resolution to employ all the daily papers at an Annual Compensation of Seventy five dollars.

For several years past four daily papers have been employed to publish the various laws and official notices of the Corporation at an Annual Stipend of One hundred Dollars. This regulation produced dissatisfaction among such of our Citizens as did not take either of those papers; on the ground that they were compelled either to subscribe for one of those papers, or contribute to the expence of furnishing information to others whilst they were excluded. This objection seemed to be so just; and your Committee having ascertained from a source which they considered to be authentic, that the actual cost of printing would not exceed Seventy five Dollars; that they were induced to recommend the said Resolution which passed unanimously. In fixing the compensation so low your Committee took into consideration the fact that all those papers publish the proceedings and many of the Acts of Congress and of the Legislature of this State gratuitously;

And that the Acts and [174] proceedings of the Common Council could not fail to be equally interesting to our own Citizens who are immediately affiected by them; and among whom the principal part of those papers are circulated. The intent of the Committee therefore was, to offer a simple indemnity against the expence—But finding that they have been wholly mistaken as to the actual costs of such publications; and that the object of the Common Council cannot be accomplished for a sum less than One thousand eight hundred dollars per annum, They are induced to recommend an abandonment of the project under a full persuasion that the expence will exceed the proposed benefit. Still however if the Gentlemen concerned will view the subject in the same light which your Committee have done, they may be induced to accept the employment at the rate of One hundred dollars per annum; the same as heretofore paid. Otherwise your Committee recommend the employment of one daily paper only—In order therefore to ascertain the intention of the proprietors of the several Daily papers, on this subject your Committee offer the following Resolution

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred Dollars per annum be allowed [175] to the proprietors of each of the daily News papers printed in this City; for publishing the ordinances and official notices of the Common Council; provided such proprietor shall signify his acceptance to the Clerk in ten days; and in case none shall accept thereof by the expiration of the time limited. That then—Those now employed shall cease; and that such publication shall thereafter be confined to one paper only to be selected by the Common Council

(Signed) Elisha W King
Sam[l] St. John
Jacob B Taylor
Sam[l] Cowdrey
Jameson Cox.

The finance Committee to whom was referred the applications for Water Grants on the East river, presented the following Report which was adopted.

The finance Committee beg leave to represent to the Board that several applications have been made by Captain Hall, by Colonel Fish, and by Nicholas W Stuyvesant and by others for grants of water lots above North Street, which were referred to this Committee, and have been favourably [176] reported upon, but that inasmuch as the consideration of the Board had never been turned to the laying out of Streets or to fixing the permanent line beyond which no grants should

extend in that part of the City, this Committee was of opinion, that it would conduce to the regularity and convenience, as well as the beauty of the City, if, before any grants were made out, a permanent line should be fixed along the river, and the width & direction of the Streets which are to run through those grants, and are to be made by the grantees should be permanently established. The Committee were, at the same time, aware that the plan of Streets and the permanent line as now existing between Corlaers Hook & North Street required revision, in order to conform to the regulation of that part of the City above North Street, and as few, if any grants extend out to the permanent line between North Street and Corlaers Hook, the Committee deemed the present opportunity a favourable one for carrying their proposed [plan] into effect. The Street Commissioner has accordingly caused the necessary surveys and soundings to be made, and this Committee now present to the Board a Map shewing what they deem the most [177] advisable plan for laying out the shore of the East River from Corlaers Hook to fourteenth Street, together with the Streets as it is proposed they shall be made.

While engaged on this subject, the Committee also turned their attention to the rates of quit rent as established by the Board in 1913, and they ascertained that of all the grants taken out since that time, hardly two contained a reservation of the same rates of rent, and hardly any contained the rates established by the Board. This the Committee believe, arose from those rates being too high, and they propose as a substitute for those rates the following,

That for all grants between Clinton & Grand Streets to the permanent line, there shall be paid for every foot of front (calculating the average of the front and rear lines) One dollar and fifty Cents annually forever: and where there are already any grants not extending to the permanent line, a deduction shall be made from the above proposed rate equal to the rents reserved in the grants already existing.

That for all grants between Grand St. to North Street to the permanent line, and calculated as aforesaid there shall be paid per foot of front

From this time until [178] May 1836	$0.60
" May 1836 to May 1843	0.80
" May 1843 to May 1850	1.00
" May 1850 forever	1.20

Subject to the like deduction as above mentioned,

They would also recommend to this Board, that for all grants from

North St to Fourteenth Street to the permanent line, and calculated as aforesaid, there shall be paid per foot of front.

From this time until 1st May 1836	$0.30
May 1836 to 1 May 1843	0.60
May 1843 to 1 May 1850	0.90
May 1850 forever	1.20

They respectfully present the following Resolutions.

1 Resolved, That the plan of the Streets and permanent line on the East river North of Corlears Hook, presented to the Board with this Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.

2d Resolved, That the rates of quit rent as above proposed be and the same are hereby accepted and established by this Board

All which is respectfully submitted

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
[179] (Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

The finance Committee on the petitions of Marinus Willett and of Scott & Francis Fickett for Water Grants presented the following Report which was adopted.

The finance Committee on the annexed petition of Marinus Willett praying for a Grant of a Water lot in front of his wharf between Broome and Delancey Sts. and on the annexed petition of Scott & Francis Fickett praying for a grant of a Water lot in front of property owned by them between Montgomery and Gouverneur Streets respectfully report—that the Committee are of opinion that the grants in question may be made with propriety to the applicants according to the tariff fixed by this Committee in their Report of this date to the Board, and subject to the usual conditions, provisions, reservations and stipulations, Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Counsel prepare the necessary grants to Marinus Willetts and to Scott Fickett and Francis Fickett for the above premises

[180] respectfully Submitted

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

The finance Committee on the petition of the Assessors of Taxes respecting their Compensation, presented a Report which after some discussion was referred back to the Finance Committee & the Committee on Public Offices

The finance Committee on the several petitions of John Field presented a report which being read and after considerable discussion was referred back to the finance Committee

The finance Committee to whom had been referred several petitions praying for an alteration in the Law establishing the Rates of Wharfage presented a Report in favour of the petitioners together with a Law making alterations in the former law complained of which was read, laid for consideration and directed to be printed for the use of the Members of the Board

[181] The finance Committee on the petition of Chs H Hall for a Water Grant reported in favour thereof as follows.

The finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of Chs Henry Hall for a water Grant in front of his premises between 10th & 11th Streets—That they are of the opinion that the usual grant be made to Mr Hall, and therefore offer for the consideration of the Board, the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Counsel prepare a grant to Mr Hall for the water lot in front of the premises above described, to the same extent, and upon the same terms, covenants and conditions as prescribed in the resolution of August 2d 1824, directing a similar grant to Mr Hall from 11th to 13th Streets

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[182] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution respecting the Law for the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets presented a Report, which was read—laid for consideration and directed to be printed for the use of the Members of the Board.

The Street Committee on the petition of Anson Blake to straighten a part of Pearl Street presented the following Report which was adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Anson Blake for permission to Straighten Pearl Street in front

of his Lots between Wall St. and Hanover Square by receding a few inches in One part and advancing an equal number of inches on the Street at another, and where the Street is wider. Report, that in their opinion no injury can derive to the public by granting his request, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the request of the petitioner be granted—under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
[183] (Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

The Street Committee on the petition of Elijah and Joshua Secor presented the following report in favour of the petitioners which was adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Elijah and Joshua Secor stating that they have been prosecuted by the Attorney to this Board for placing their signs called "The wheel of Fortune" contrary to Law—and praying that the suit may be discontinued on their paying the Costs—Report that in their Opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that their signs be permitted to Stand until the first day of May next.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

[184] The Street Committee on the petition of John Ireland and others to be permitted to remove the dirt from a certain part of Hudson Street reported against the same as follows, viz

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Ireland for permission to regulate Hudson Street in Greenwich to 13[th] Street—Report that in their Opinion it is inexpedient to grant his request inasmuch as in so doing it would render the Street impassible until 13[th] shall have been regulated, and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone
Saml St John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Counsel presented a Lease to Saml Lyon of the premises 511 Pearl St. for five Years at the annual rent of $125—which was directed to be duly executed.

[185] The Counsel also presented a Lease to Jacob Schieffelin for Lots N° 61 & 63 Chatham Street which was laid for further consideration.

He also presented a Lease of Lots N° 251 Water St. & N° 22 Peck Slip to George Ferris for two years at the rent of $450 per Annum which was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented a Deed to John M J Labatut for a lot of ground on the Southwesterly side of Anthony Street between Collect and little Water Street for the sum of $1350 which was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented a Deed to Wm Ross for a lot of ground on the North Easterly side of Anthony Street between Collect and little Water Streets for the sum of six hundred & thirty dollars, which was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating and sitting Curb Stone in Amity St. between Broadway and the 6th Avenue which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector thereof.

[186] The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for building a Bulkhead & filling Grand Street Slip East river which was passed and Abrm Dally, Benjn Prince & John Brower were appointed Assessors.

He also presented a return of Delinquents on the assessments for regulating Streets at Greenwich Village & for repaving Chatham St. Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to Noah Jarvis to collect the same.

He also presented a return of delinquents on two assessments One for opening Bleecker Street & one for paving Willett St whereupon

Warrants were ordered to issue to Morris De Camp to collect the same.

The City Inspector presented an aggregate Report of the returns made to him by the Different Inspectors & Measurers Appointed by the Corporation which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting [187] Nuisances

Nº	1	H W Minugh	Occupt	89	Chamber St.	A privy
	2	J. Nicholls	do	97	Do	"
	3	R Storm	do	99	Do	"
	4	G Robbey	do	109	Do	"
	5	M Dennison	do	127	Do	"
	6	A Mc*Monamy*[Mennomy]	do	145	Do	"
	7	P Decouse	do	156	Duane St	"
	8	H Kidney	do	167	Do	"
	9	C Struck	do	171	Do	"
	10	G Raymond	do	227	Do	"
	11	T S Brady	do	229	Do	"
	12	S. Sullivan	do	231	Do	"
	13	Jnº Groshon	do	60	Reed St	"
	14	S Carpenter	do	66	Do	"
	15	J Byrnes	do	76	Do	"
	16	M Howser	do	78	Do	"
	17	J D Kirk	do	86	Do	"
	18	S Nicholson	do	88	Do	"
	19	J Paul	do	90	Do	"
	20	J T Henry	do	92	Do	"
	21	J Defau	do	108	Do	"
	22	Chs C Myers	do	110	Do	"
	23	A Oliver	do	132	Do	"
	24	J Low	do	138	Do	"
	25	Wm Chrystie	do	152	Do	"
	26	L Storry	do	30	Thomas St	"
	27	Dr Allen	do	36	Do	"
	28	W Seaman	do	38	Do	"
	29	[188] M A Gear	do	44	do	do
	30	J Moore	do	46	do	do
	31	Wm Sykes	do	10	William	do

Respectfully Submitted

G Cuming City Inspecr

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 1

Horatio G Cary Painter 64 Provost St
Vice Edward Huffmire Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 2

Richard Lewis; Grocer, 18 Eldridge St
Vice David Baker Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 7

Will[m] M[c]Alpin Currier 3 Bancker St.
Vice James G Smith Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 33

John R Smith, Carpenter, 11 Essex St.
Vice John M Hartshorne in the Country

Fire Engine Company N° 39

Augustin F Battin, Accountant, Broadway
Vice James W Lovett Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 42

William Putz Joiner, 7 Oliver St Vice Samuel Ervin Resigned

[189] The following was presented & referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

Resolved that the Superintendant of *of* the Alms House be and he is hereby Authorised to procure the likeness of the Rev[d] M[r] Stanford to be placed in the Alms House at Bellevue.

M[r] Agnew presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that Cross walks be laid in such Streets and at such places in the 4[th] Ward as may be designated by the Alderman and Assistant thereof, and that the St Commissioner prepare the draught of an Ordinance accordingly.

The Street Commissioner thereupon presented an Ordinance for laying Cross walks in the 4[th] Ward which was passed and Isaac Kip Cary Dunn & John Salisbury were appointed Assessors

The following was presented & adopted

Resolved, that it be referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to enquire into the expediency of having the Bulkhead forming the line of West Street continued across Duane St Basin as far as

Canal St.—and also the propriety of extending the Piers at the foot of [190] Duane Street

Alderman Cowdrey presented a resolution explanatory of the views of the Common Council in relation to the application now before the Legislature from Gideon Tucker & others for an Act to incorporate a Company for the purpose of supplying this City with pure and wholesome water—After some discussion Alderman King presented a Resolution as an amendment to Alderman Cowdrey's Resolution which was in the words following

Resolved, that his Honor the Mayor be requested on behalf of this Board to inform the Members of Assembly representing this City as also the Senators that this Common Council did not by their late Resolution on the subject of Incorporating a Company to introduce good & wholesome water into this City intend to oppose the passage of such Law, but that on the Contrary this Board approve thereof, provided the work be commenced & completed within such time as this Board shall determine to be reasonable

Alderman Cowdrey consenting to the substitute proposed by Alderman King the question was taken on agreeing to the said Resolution and was carried in the affirmative.

[191] Alderman Mann requiring the Ayes and Noes the Members voted as follows

Affirmative—Alder^{n} Wyckoff—King—Ireland—Cowdrey—Reed—Davis & Ostrander M^{r} Bolton—St John—Hone—Agnew—Hedden—Dunscomb—Schieffelin & Rathbone. 15

Negative—Alder^{n} Webb—Mann & Taylor M^{r} Burtsell & Cox. 5

So the Resolution was adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report.

Balance as per Acct. 14 Inst		68.71
Rec^{d} for Tax of 1824. 2. 3. 4. 6. 7. 8. 9 Wards		16.700.
" " Rents		3.910.89
" Streets		2.143.44
" Real Estates		1.875.
" Police Office		904.53
" Tavern Licenses		240.
" Cartmens do		182.
" Clerk of Sessions fees		166.32
" City Prison fees		143.25
" Mayoralty fees		86.25
		26.420.39

68 Accounts Audited

Leek & Conklin Watch 1 Dist.....	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2 do	666.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3 do	645.75
[192] G Cuming City Inspecr 1 Qr Salary 1 March.....	200.
T J Waters Clk Comptr Office 1 " do 24 Feb.....	200.
Astin & Higbie Messengers 1 Month 1 March.....	48.
O Ayres Asst City Inspecr do do	42.
J Coffin " " " do do	42.
C Gilman Keeper of Battery do do	28.
A McCready " Park do do	28.
W Schureman " Potters field 16 days in full.....	20.
O Jaques St. Inspector 1 Ward 1 Mo 1 March.....	31.50
P. Wright Do 2 " " "	31.50
T Jeroleman Do 3 " " "	31.50
N B Lyon Do 4 " " "	31.50
A Ackerman Do 5 " " "	31.50
W Kerr Do 6 " " "	31.50
B Fuller Do 7 " " "	31.50
S Hutchings Do 8 " " "	31.50
D Hubbard Do 10 " " "	31.50
Saml Kip Jun. sundry Groceries for 25 Nov 1824.....	37.66
Geo B Raymond regulas Hacks 34 days to 20 Jany.....	34.
Geo. Mills Inspecting Cartmens Carts &c 10 days.....	16.67
J Morton for Hack & Sleigh hire & postage.....	14.25
Patrick Fury spreading Manure on Battery.....	14.
B Hicks Asst Board of Health 1 Mo 1 March.....	42.
J Pinckney do do " "	42.
J Bremner Clerk Catharine Market " "	52.
G Duryea " Fulton " " "	41.67
I Astin Sweeper do " " "	38.59
[193] R. Smith Clerk Franklin Market 1 Mo 1 Mar.....	35.
H Maxwell Dist Attorney 1 Qr Salary 12 feb.....	625.
C. Chester refreshments for Jury ordered by Court 15. 16. 17. Feby	22.50
J Hays for Officers Extra Service in police 1 Qr 26 feb.	342.
J Hays " do Conveys persons to City prison " 1 "	129.50
J Hays " do do do to penitency 1 Qr 26 feb.	47.
Proprietor of American 6 mo Subscription 26 feb.....	50.
G Snethen lighting Lamps 1 Mo 1 March.....	713.83
R Provoost repairing do " "	80.93
R Riker award opening 5th Avenue from Art to 13 St.	1170.
Jno Mann Jr " " " " " "	724.
E W King " " " " " "	400.
Trustees Sailors Snug harbor " " " " "	344.
Hope Insur. Compy Mortgagees on property of Chs M Graham " " " "	252.57
Charles White " " " "	95.

John Hunter award opening 5th Avenue from Art to 13 St.	90.
Gideon Tucker " " " "	73.
Henry Brevoort " " " "	64.
David S Bogart Mortgagee on Estate Wm Hamilton " " " "	63.96
Elijah P Delaplaine " " "	60.
John Morss " " " "	59.26
Peter Wilson or owners unknown " " " "	55.
John Towt " " " "	55.
J McQueen Acct reg Christopher & other Sts at Greenwich	600.
[194] H Smith Acct. reg & pav Willett St from Grand to Stanton	800.
Jas Roosevelt award opens Mott St from Roosevelt's Lane to Bleecker St	1600.
John Ireland award opens Thompson St. from Amity Lane to Art St	1340.75
Corporation of City of New York award opens Thompson st. from Amity Lane to Art St	155.36
Geo B Smith plan & map for Vaults City Burial Ground & exam[in]ing Calculations filling at Battery	49.
Estate Thos Lovett by Geo Lovett bal filling a Battery	1210.28
M DeCamp Corpn Assesst Pump in Attorney near Delancey St	11.
H Cochran repairs Street at Market Chrisr St	3.90
J Meghan repairs Intersections 2d Ward	1.82
J Sloan filling 9 Loads Earth 6th Avenue	1.12
L Wells Costs on Sale 2 Lots Broadway not expended	14.
Jacob P Roome Superr Repairs for Engine Houses	675.
J P Roome do do " Docks &c	300.
Mechanics Bank Bond 14 Octo 1824 $10.400 & Interest $234	10.634.
Balance	$122.02

On motion it was Resolved that when this Board adjourn they will adjourn to meet on Monday next 4 Oclock—Whereupon the Board adjourned to Monday next 4 Oclock.

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[196] Special Meeting In Common Council March 7th 1825.
Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistant
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Saml Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	Wm Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Jameson Cox
Asa Mann	Danl E Dunscomb
Jacob B Taylor	William P Rathbone
William A Davis	
Gideon Ostrander	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition from a number of Inhabitants and Freeholders of the 8th & 9th Wards requesting the Common Council to take preparatory measures for the establishing a Basin in the Hudson river at the foot of Christopher Street was [197] read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A petition of Jacob Day for Office of Assist to Capt of City Watch of 3d Dist. was referred to Watch Committee.

A Similar petition from James Seguine was referred to the same Committee.

A petition of William C Redfield Agent for the Connecticut river Steam Boat Company, praying that a wharf suitable for the accommodation of said Steam Boat may be rented to them—was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers & Slips

A remonstrance of the Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the City of New York against opening Cedar Street from William Street was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of George Weeks and others praying that Arden Street may be regulated and paved was referred to the Street Committee

A petition of Duncan Campbell praying that Stall No 3 Greenwich Market may be [198] assigned to him—was referred to the Market Committee.

A Memorial of the Trustees of the Economical School in the City of New York was presented stating that said School was incorporated on the 16th March 1810 for the education of the Children of the French Emigrants resident here of which The Mayor, Recorder & Aldermen were constituted ex officio Members of the Society—That the benefits of the Society were extended to children of the Inhabi-

tants of the City—That from various causes the Income of the Society having become inadequate to the expences—they have been obliged to dismiss the Teacher and to close the School—That they are now indebted to the Teacher and to other Individuals in the sum of about $\$433^{9}/_{100}$ which they have not funds to discharge and they therefore pray the Corporation to assume the payment of the same—which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial from Samuel B Romaine and others praying the passage of a Law for the preservation of Game by introducing by Law the Sale or exposing for Sale in any of the Public Markets of this City [199] any Heath Hens between the first of January and the 2^{d} Wednesday in September, any Partridge or Quail between the first of February and 25th September, and any Woodcock between the first of Febr^{y} and first of July in each year—Which having been read was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of John Moore Lessee of Lot on Chatham St. stating that he has received notice informing that the ground occupied by him was wanting for public purposes remonstrating against the same—And a Petition of the same nature from Andrew Mercein was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Patrick Fury for Office of Keeper of Park or Battery was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

The Street Committee on the petition that Slote Lane be improved and Straightened reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry owners of property at and near Sloat Lane, requesting that said Sloat Lane may be improved & straightened by taking a small gore from [200] the Store and Lot N^{o} 123 Pearl Street.

Report that in their Opinion the improvement asked for, would if carried into effect be of considerable advantage to that neighborhood and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures for having the same carried into effect.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
Sam^{l} St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the petition of Peter M Granger to transfer Stall N° 16 Washington Market to George Goodheart reported in favour of the same as follows, viz

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter M Granger praying permission to transfer the Stand N° 16 Washington Market, now occupied by him, to George Goodheart, and of said George Goodheart that he may be allowed to receive said transfer, beg leave respectfully to report.

[201] That Mr Goodheart, is a licensed Butcher and a man of good character, and the Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Matthew Reed
D. E. Dunscomb
Thos Bolton

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom had been referred back their Report on the petitions of John Field presented the following report.

The Finance Committee to whom their former Report on the several petitions of John Field was referred back for reconsideration

Respectfully Report. That they have taken into serious consideration the several petitions of Mr Field, and their former Report hereto annexed, and that they have also heard the further Representations made in behalf of Mr Field, and that they have seen nothing to induce them to recede from their former Report on that subject. They therefore Report that they adhere to their former [202] Report, and recommend the passage of the Resolutions accompanying their said former Report, presented to this Board on the 28th February last.

Respectfully Submitted.

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell.

The Report of the Committee presented on 28th February and referred back to them was as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the several petitions of John Field, that the petitioners is the present holder or assignee

of a Lease of certain premises at the corner of Chatham & Duane Streets, which was granted by the Corporation in 1804, to Susannah Bailey for 21 Years at $320 per Annum. That the Lease will expire on the first of May next, and upon the Application of Mr Field your Committee agreed to accept an annual rent of $550, for the renewal of the Lease for the next 21 years—but that it appears Mr Field is unwilling to pay such rent, and now wishes the board to refer, the matter to arbitrators to determine [*] what amount of rent ought to be paid. Your Committee cannot but give it as their deliberate opinion that it is altogether inexpedient to refer this matter to the decision of any persons whomsoever. According to the terms of the Lease, Mr Field is bound to accept of a renewal of it, on such terms as the board may think fit to prescribe, otherwise the board are bound to pay for the buildings upon the premises, the value of which buildings is to be fixed by persons to be appointed by the respective parties. But there is nothing in the Lease to countenance the idea that referees are to fix the amount of rent upon a renewal of the Lease—and for the board to submit such a matter to the decision of appraisers would be, in the opinion of Your Committee setting a precedent, of which the evil consequences would soon be experienced—If the Lessee does not choose to accept a renewal of the Lease upon proper Terms, he has only to surrender the premises, & claim a compensation for the buildings, to be valued according to the Lease—Your Committee upon reconsidering this matter, are of the opinion that the terms affixed by them to Mr Field for a renewal of the Lease, were liberal and proper; and they [204] cannot feel themselves justified in offering to renew the lease on any other terms

The rent fixed by Your Committee is as before stated, viz $550 per Annum—and the rent of the Lease to Mr Schieffelin (near to the premises in question.) which expires at the same time, is a certain proof that Your Committee have not required too much rent from Mr Field—Indeed upon the principle by which the rent is fixed in the Case of Schieffelin, the rent fixed in the Case of Mr Field is rather too low than high—Mr Schieffelin has a front on Chatham Street of 50 feet and is to pay $750, whereas Mr Field has a front both on Duane & Chatham Streets (viz 50 feet 8 inches on Duane Street and 33 feet 4 inches on Chatham Street) and was required only to pay $550 rent—The rent required from Mr Field, Your Committee repeat, is a fair and proper sum of money, which ought to be accepted by him, But inasmuch as Mr Field appears to be unwilling to accept

* New page, not numbered.—ED.

a renewal of the lease on the terms proposed, it only remains for this Board to offer to pay for the buildings on the premises agreeably to the old Lease, Your Committee therefore offer for the consider [205] ation of the Board the following Resolutions.

1 Resolved, that it is inexpedient to submit the question of rent to Appraisers, as requested by Mr Field

2 Resolved, that the Comptroller (in case Mr Field does not before next monday, agree in writing to accept a renewal of the above mentioned lease, according to the terms prescribed by the Committee), be and he is hereby authorised and directed to appoint a proper person on the part of this board to value the buildings under said Lease, and to notify Mr Field thereof, and to require him to appoint another, so that the buildings may be valued and paid for according to the Lease.

Asa Mann.
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland.

The first Resolution in the Report of the 28 Febry was agreed to, upon taking the question on the 2d Resolution—it passed in the negative—It was then moved that the rent instead of $550 as proposed in the Report of the Committee be $500 which was agreed to—It was then moved that the Lease be renewed to Mr Field for the period of Twenty One Years—the question being taken on the same and a division having been called by Alderman Ireland [206] the Members Voted as follows.

Affirmative, Alderman King, Webb, Reed, Taylor, Davis and Ostrander, Mr Hone, Agnew, Burtsell, Dunscomb, and Rathbone. 11

Negative, Wyckoff, Ireland, Cowdrey and Mann. Mr Bolton St. John and Cox. 7

Whereupon the same was carried in the affirmative.

The Lease to Mr Schieffeline which was at the last meeting laid for consideration was called up and referred back to the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee on the request of J G Swift and others Commissioners &c for an advance of $1500 reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Communication from Genl Swift and Professors Adrain & Renwick, the Commissioners appointed to establish the permanent regulation of the Streets & Avenues South of Thirty fourth Street.

Respectfully Report, That the Commissioners apply to have the

Sum of fifteen hundred dollars placed at their disposal, to be drawn for as they may need it. for [207] the purpose of defraying the expences attendant on a discharge of their duties: This application the Committee think ought to be granted, and they therefore submit the following resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller prepare a warrant in favour of Joseph G Swift, Robert Adrain and James Renwick for such sums as may be required from time to time not exceeding Fifteen hundred dollars in the whole, and that interest be charged on such advances, and added to the assessment to be made therefor

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The finance Committee on the petition of Peter G Stuyvesant for a Water Grant Reported as follows, viz.

The finance Committee on the annexed petition of Peter G Stuyvesant, praying to know the terms upon which he can obtain a water grant in front of his property on the [208] East river—Respectfully Report—That Mr Stuyvesants property lies nearly altogether North of Fourteenth Street, which was the termination of the permanent line agreed upon by the Board at the last meeting. The Committee have therefore directed the Street Commissioner to extend the permanent line in a Straight line from Fourteenth Street to Twenty third Street, and they now submit the Map on which the same is laid down to the Board for their approval. Fourteenth Street being also the boundary of the rates of Quit rent determined by the Board at the last meeting, The Committee recommend that from Fourteenth Street to Twenty third Street, calculated upon an average of the front and rear lines, and extending to the permanent line, there shall be paid per foot.

From	the present time		to	1	May	1840	30	Cents
"	1st	May 1840	to	1	Do	1850	60	"
"	1	Do 1850	to	1	Do	1860	90	"
"	1	Do 1860	forever				$1.20	

They recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1 Resolved, That the plan of the permanent line on the East

River from Fourteenth Street to Twenty third Street [209] And the Streets as laid down in the Map or plan submitted herewith to the Board, be and the same is hereby confirmed and approved of.

2d Resolved, That the above rates of quit rent be, and the Same are hereby approved of, and established by this Board.

Respectfully Submitted

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell.

Whereupon the plan was approved and the Resolutions adopted.

The Counsel presented the following Report.

The Counsel respectfully Reports to the Board that Jacob P Roome, the Superintendant of Repairs has been prosecuted by Mr William Denning, for removing the fence which enclosed a part of Washington St. As this Act was done by order of the Board, the Counsel Reports it to the Board, in order that they may take such measures as may be necessary.

respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the Counsel was directed to appear in & defend the said Suit.

[210] The City Inspector presented the following Report on the complaint respecting the deposite of Manure at intersection of Grand, Division and Harman Street.

The City Inspector reports of the petition of sundry Inhabitants residing near the intersection of Grand, Division and Harman Sts, respecting Manure deposited there, which was referred to him, at the last meeting of the Board.

That, he has examined the place, and finds that the contractors of manure have deposited the manure there, remote from dwellings. That they are removing the same, and they state, that before the 1st of May next, it will all be removed.

As the Law does not interdict the deposit before that period, and little annoyance can result till then—he offers no Ordinance. At the same time, he suggests the propriety of renewing the Law to inter-

dict the deposit of Manure at all seasons, so as that the Contractors hereafter may know, and be obliged to conform to their Contract.

Respectfully Submitted

Geo. Cuming, City Inspr

Whereupon the same was accepted and ordered to be filed.

[211] The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances

No	1	J Campbell	Occupt	No	5	Anthony St	A privy
	2	W Randall	Do	"	11	"	do
	3	J Wines	Do	"	15	"	do
	4	J H Moore	Do	"	17	"	do
	5	M *Dumany*[Dumesnel]	Do	"	19	"	do
	6	J Hall	Do	"	29	"	do
	7	J Lynn	Do	"	37	"	do
	8	J Rich	Do	"	41	"	do
	9	J Cooper	Do	"	43	"	do
	10	C Burdett	Do	"	49	"	do
	11	J Press	Do	"	55	"	do
	12	T Kendell	Do	"	57	"	do
	13	J McKarr	Do	"	59	"	do
	14	J McGoldrick	Do	"	63	"	do
	15	P Bremond	Do	"	65	"	do
	16	G Painter	Do	"	67	"	do
	17	T McGuire	Do	"	53	Augustus.	do
	18	A Bustard	Do	"	55	"	do
	19	Js J Higgins	Do	"	168	Bowery	do
	20	N Holmes	Do	"	170	"	do
	21	Wm Rode	Do	"	172	"	do
	22	C H Hall	Do	"	138	"	do
	23	P. Pellet	Do	"	140	"	do
	24	J Whitechurch	Do		142	"	do
	25	[212] L & W Skidmore	Do		127	Chatham	"
	26	W Dennis	Do		140	Duane	"
	27	Jno O B Richards	Do		142	"	"
	28	J Thomas	Do		166	"	"
	29	J. Saunders	Do		168	"	"
	30	S Shaddee	Do		170	"	"
	31	Wm Crady	Do		172	"	"
	32	Saml Anderson	Do		174	"	"
	33	P Constant	Do		176	"	"
	34	R Hicks	Do		214	"	"
	35	J Shaw	Do		216	"	"
	36	E Potter	Do		222	"	"
	37	P Remsen	Do		109	Pearl	"

38	Wm Crum	Occupt	99	Reed	A privy
39	F Marriotte	Do	111	"	"
40	D Williams	Do	139	"	"
41	S Lawrence	Do	141	"	"
42	L Hoffman.	Do	143	"	"
43	J Williams	Do	147	"	"
44	J Gifford	Do	149	"	"
45	G Fanander	Do	10	Thomas	"
46	Wm Swan	Do	1	Warren	"
47	Js Beard.	Do	33	"	"
48	J Wilkinson	Do	37	"	"
49	J Marander	Do	55	"	"

Respectfully Submitted

Geo Cuming City Inspr

[213] The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of J Bayard for permission to erect an awning reported against the same as follows.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of J Bayard praying that Special permission may be granted him to erect an Awning in front of his Store forthwith, and to be continued until the first of November, Respectfully Reports. That by Ordinance no Awnings are permitted to be erected before the first day of April and to be removed on the 1st day of November in every year—that the case of the petitioner is precisely the same with hundreds of other citizens, and can see no good reason for granting him special permission, or for amending the ordinance—and therefore thinks it inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioner.

All which is respectfully submitted,

R Graves St Commr

Which was accepted and ordered to be filed.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for digging and regulating Bancker Street from Montgomery St to Gouverneur Street which was passed and John Targee, Benjamin Prince and Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors.

[214] The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for digging out and regulating Montgomery Street from Lombardy to Harman Street and John Targee, Benjamin Prince and Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors

Alderman Mann presented a Resolution for an Application to the Legislature to permit the monies paid into the City Treasury by the Incorporated Companies to remain for the use of the City which

was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to report the necessary Law.

Alderman Ireland presented a resolution respecting appointing an additional Clerk for the Six upper Markets, and also for appointing a public weigher for Washington Market which on being read was referred to the Market Committee.

Alderman Cowdrey presented the following Resolutions which were adopted.

Whereas it is represented to this Board that the Ordinances of the Common Council against the flying of Kites is not duly executed, and the safety and lives of the Citizens and Inhabitants are thereby endangered—Therefore

[215] Resolved, That the different Street Inspectors be and they are hereby specially directed to cause all violations against the said Ordinance to be reported for prosecution.

Resolved, That the Attorney of the Board be authorised to pay over the whole amount or any part of fines to the Street Inspectors giving information of violations as above directed to the said Attorney.

Resolved, That the Clerk furnish to each of the Street Inspectors a copy of these Resolutions and that they be published

Resolved, That the subject of Hogs running at large be referred to the Police Committee with a view to ascertain and report what amendments may be necessary to the Laws and Ordinances of this Board respecting the same.

Alderman King presented the following which was adopted. Whereas the various Laws of this State creating exemptions of numerous classes of Citizens from serving on Juries have become burthensome to the few who remain subject to such duty and are calculated to embarrass the due administration of Justice. Therefore

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to enquire [216] and Report whether any of the said Laws require to be repealed or modified.

Mr Hone presented a Resolution directing the Walk around the public Workshop to be regulated and flagged, Which was referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Ireland presented a Resolution as to placing Posts and Chains around the Grass plots in the Park and to raking the Manure spread thereon, Which was referred to the Committee on Lands & places

His Honor the Mayor presented a Report made by the Judiciary

Committee of the Senate to that body on the petition of John W Wyman former Clerk of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer & General Gaol delivery and of the General Sessions of the Peace in and for the City and County of New York respecting a Balance claimed to be due to him. Which was directed to be laid on the Table—And the Mayor was requested to endeavour to procure the Draught of the Law which was reported by said Committee and accompanied said Report.

[217] The Report of the Committee of Wharves piers and Slips on the petition of Henry Eckford and others that the Slip between Stanton and Rivington Street may be filled up to Rivington Street which was presented last meeting and laid for consideration was now called up & being read was in the words following.

The Committee on Wharves piers & Slips to whom was referred the petition of Henry Eckford and others praying that the Slip between Rivington and Stanton Street may be *be* filled up to Mangin Street. Report that on viewing the premises they are convinced that the present state of that Slip renders it a Nuisance to that Neighbourhood, and ought to be remedied immediately, that in its present Condition it affords no accommodation to Vessels, not even Boats of the smallest size, and that there appears to be no remedy but that of filling up the Slip to Mangin Street, where there will be a sufficient depth of Water—Your Committee would therefore recommend that a Bulkhead be built across the Slip on the Easterly line of Mangin Street and the intermediate space from Goerick Street to Mangin Street be filled up—that Mr Eckford who holds the grant on the one side thereof and Mr Depeyster on the other be directed to unite with this [218] Corporation in building and extending piers on each side of the Slip to Tompkins Street so as to form a convenient Basin.

Your Committee beg leave to call the Attention of this Board to one important circumstance attending this improvement that in filling the space contemplated, it will make one entire Block of Ground of four hundred by two hundred feet containing thirty two full lots, and which if necessary may be Sold for a sum exceeding all the Cost of the proposed improvement—they accordingly submit the following resolutions

Resolved, That a Bulkhead be built across the Slip between Rivington Street and Stanton on the Easterly side of Mangin Street and that the Space be filled up from Goerick Street to the said Bulkhead, and that such Grounds when filled, be disposed of to meet the expence of filling & building Piers.

Resolved, that Piers be built on the Northerly and Southerly Sides

of the Slip and that Henry Eckford and Frederick Depeyster be directed to unite with this Corporation in building the Same.

John Webb
Asa Mann
Signed Matthew Reed
Willm H Ireland
[219] John Agnew

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature on the petition for dividing the Tenth Ward which was presented on the 14th of February last was called up and after some discussion was referred back to the same Committee.

On Motion of Mr Bolton. Resolved, That Robert James Crommeline have leave to withdraw the petition by him presented on 31st January last in relation to a Lot corner of Wall and Broad Streets.

The Report of the finance Committee on the Petition praying for an alteration in the present system of collecting Wharfage presented at the last meeting & laid for consideration was now called up and after some discussion was referred back to the Committee on Finance.

The Board adjourned to Monday next at 4 Oclock p. M.

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[221] In Common Council March 14th 1825

Present. The Honble William Paulding Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry T Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Saml Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Asa Mann	Josiah Hedden
Jacob B Taylor	Jameson Cox
Gideon Ostrander	Danl E Dunscomb
	Effingham Schieffelin
	Wm P Rathbone.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants praying that the Law prohibiting Hogs running at large may be so amended as to prevent them running at large in any part of the Lamp and Watch District

Which was referred to the Street Committee

[222] A petition of Messrs Kidney and Harrison for relief from penalty incurred by constructing Vaults without regular permission was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Robert Bogardus owner of Water Lot on East side of Water and Dover Streets praying to be permitted to commute for the Quit Rent reserved on the Grant and also praying that a portion of the Quit rent he has heretofore paid be refunded to him for that part of said Lot as has been taken for a Street. Referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance from the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Cedar Street against the opening and extending Cedar St to Pearl St. was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Inhabitants in Collect Street praying the Sewer in said Street may be extended from Pump to Pearl Street and the Side Walks paved from Pump to Pearl St, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition for a Well and pump at the Corner of Hudson and Burrow Sts. was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward and Street Commissioner.

[223] A remonstrance from the Congregation of Sherath Israel and others against opening a Street from Coenties Slip to Garden Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Robert Blake for Office of Measurer of Cut Stone and Marble was referred to the Committee on public Offices

A Memorial of the Trustees of the Charity School of the Dutch Reformed Church respecting the distribution of the School Money—was referred to the Law Committee.

A Memorial of William Rhinelander stating that he has at his own expence paved certain parts of West Street between Barclay & Murray Street Also of Robinson Street from West Street toward Washington Street—and prays that agreeably to the late Ordinance they may be hereafter repaved at the expence of the public

Which was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of the New York and Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company and of the proprietors & Inhabitants on the North side of the City praying that the Pier on the North Side of the Ferry at the foot of Courtlandt Street may be extended, Was referred to the Committee [224] on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A petition of Sundry dealers in Grain stating that the City Sealers half bushel does not correspond with that of the State Sealer at Albany

and praying the Common Council would make an enquiry into the subject was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A petition of Eleazer Hull for the Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures was referred to the Committee on Applications for office.

A petition from Andres Van Orden for Office of Keeper of the Park was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A petition from a number of Inhabitants of the City stating that they are informed an application has been made to the Legislature for an extension of the Jurisdiction of the Marine Court and that a remonstrance against the same has also been made—They are of opinion that the Civil business of the Court would with great propriety be transferred to the several Justices Courts in the City and they suggest that a Court be constituted specially for the Trial of Marine [225] Causes—and they request the Common Council will take measures therefor—The Same having been read was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

A petition of sundry Inhabitants of Greenwich praying that a public pier may be run out at the foot of Perry Street on the North River for the accommodation of the Inhabitants in the vicinity was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A petition of Ephraim Beman for Office of Keeper of the Park was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A petition of Patrick Rourke for Office of Keeper of the Battery was referred to the same Committee.

A petition for a Well and pump at the South East corner of Hudson Street and Fitzroy road was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 9th Ward and Street Commisr

A petition of John D, Ditmus of Jamaica Long Island was received Stating that he is owner of a Lot formerly known as Lot N° 89 of the Collect Lots—but the Deed from [226] the Corporation of 22d April 1812 to Samuel Thompson cannot be found—That the Deed is on record in the Books of the Comptroller of the Corporation—He therefore prays a new Deed may be made to him or that a Quit Claim be executed to him to enable him to make a title to the premises—The same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Herman Martine for Office of Turnkey at the Penitentiary, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Similar petition from Joseph Tyson was referred to the same Committee.

A Similar petition from Jacob Hardenbrook with recommendations in his behalf was referred to the Same Committee.

A Communication was received from Benjamin Prince Esq[r] public Administrator accompanied by the Draught of a Bill proposed to be presented to the Legislature to be enacted into a Law amendatory of the Law relative to the Office of Public Administrator in the City of New York, which was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

[227] A remonstrance against the petition for opening a Square or Public place at the junction of Grand Harman and Division Streets was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Simon Fleet for Office of Dep. Clerk of the Six upper Markets was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Jacob P Roome to purchase a Lot of ground lying on the West Side of Mercer Street between Prince and Houston Streets was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Thomas Varian & Christian Hurtell Lessees of Cellar N° 4 under Catharine Market for reduction of Rent as the occupation of the Same was not given to them at the time agreed upon was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Abraham Hearlth for relief from a Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Jonathan Peck to lease a Birth at Fulton Slip for the Steam Boat Linneas was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

[228] A petition of Sundry Merchants, Grocers. and others to have an additional Sealer of Weights and Measures appointed was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A petition of Benjamin Watson Register of Dogs praying that he may be allowed to retain the sum collected by him for his services in executing the Law relative to Dogs was referred to the Committee on Laws.

Alderman King presented to the Board a Law of the United States, entitled an Act fixing the place for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the District of New York passed 3[d] March 1825

Which was referred to the Committee on public Offices

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Letter from Egbert Benson to him dated 15[th] February 1825, Stating that the Gouvnor of this State had made a communication to the Legislature on the subject of a request of the Legislature of New Jersey to Appoint Commission-

ers to Settle the Territorial limits and jurisdiction of the State of New York and the State of New Jersey that the same had been referred to a Committee and a Bill [229] had on the 4th February been reported to the Senate on the subject. That considering it as involving of great and important matters in relation to the port of New York he had felt it his duty to make the communication—Whereupon the Same was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature—And the Mayor was requested to Write to Judge Benson and return him the thanks of this Common Council for the attention he has paid by his communication to the interests of the City.

A Letter was received from the Trustees of the Free School Society enclosing a proposition relative to the disposition of the Free School and Common School fund, which was referred to the Law Committee.

A petition from Philip Brasher and others praying that Crosby Street may be opened and extended from Bleecker to Fourth Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Sundry Owners of property between Broadway and the Bowery praying that a Street may be opened from Fourth to Sixth Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

[230] A Petition of Wm D Hughes to be appointed Assistant Capt of third Watch District was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Similar petition from Daniel Vail was referred to the same Committee.

A petition of Joshua Sands for a Water Grant of a part of the Brooklyn shore of 100 feet which in 1804 had been reserved for a Slip but which he understands the Corporation will not improve for that purpose—Which being read was referred to the Finance Committee

A petition of Samuel Purdy for relief from a fine incurred by not removing earth from a side walk which had been thrown upon the same while Petitioner was building and which Petitioner was presented by snow and frost from removing—the same being read was referred to the Police Committee.

A petition from the Inhabitants near Fulton Market requesting that Steps might be made at the Entrance of the Centre of the East Wing of the Market—which was referred to the Market Committee.

[231] A petition of Davis Hunt for appointment as Assistant Clerk to the Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of the Inhabitants of the 9th Ward for the Appointment of Nathl Holmes and John Higham as damage Viewers & Abraham

Vermilyea as pound Master in the 9th Ward—which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward.

A Remonstrance against persons selling Hay and Straw in the Bowery and praying a place may be assigned for the sale of those articles was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places.

A petition of J O Woodruff for Office of Keeper of the Penitentiary was referred to the Committee on Application for Office.

It being stated that William Hooghland the late Keeper of the Penitentiary had departed this life and that the Law required the immediate appointment of a person to take charge of the Prison it was moved that Arthur Burtis the present Superintendant of the Alms House be appointed for that purpose—this being objected to, Alderman [232] Ireland presented a Resolution which he withdrew to give place to the following, presented by Alderman King as follows

Resolved, That ———— be and he is hereby appointed Keeper of the Penitentiary during the pleasure of the Board which was agreed to, and the Board proceeded by Ballot to fill the vacancy when J O Woodruff was duly chosen

Mr Hone then presented a Resolution that the Board will at the next meeting go into the appointment of a Keeper of the Penitentiary which was read and laid on the Table.

The Finance Committee to whom had been referred back their Report on the subject of the Rates of Wharfage and the Law proposed by them presented a Report

The Report made by them on the 28th of February was as follows

The finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of the owners and occupants of property situate in the vicinity of Washington Market, praying for an alteration in the present system of collecting wharfage, Respectfully Report.

That they have had the said petition, and the subject of wharfage as now [233] collected, under serious considerations, and they are of opinion that the experience of the last year has shewn, that the present system of wharfage requires attention, as is frequently the case in new plans, it has been found that the regulations for the paying of Wharfage by the day, as they at present exist, have not produced the effect calculated upon, and that they may be modified in a manner which will advance the interests both of this Corporation, and of the inhabitants of this City, without at the same time bearing hardly or unjustly on the proprietors of Vessels. In order that the views of this Committee may be distinctly understood, the Counsel of the Board has, under their direction, prepared the draft of a Law, which

may be considered as a revision of the existing laws on this subject, and of which the principal feature differing from the present laws is the power given to the owners & masters of Vessels to Commute, by One Annual payment, for the present daily payment—Such commutation merely to extend to the district, the lessee of which shall receive the commutation. This Commutation, the Committee propose, shall be graduated in the following manner: Each Vessel entering in the first quarter of the year shall pay Sixty Cents per ton [234] each Vessel entering in the second quarter of the Year shall pay forty five Cents per ton—each Vessel entering the third quarter shall pay thirty Cents per ton, and each Vessel entering in the last quarter of the year shall pay fifteen Cents per ton. This alteration the Committee believe, will render every Class of Citizens satisfied.

Respectfully Submitted

Asa Mann
Saml Cowdrey
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

The Report presented by them at this Meeting was as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully Report that they have re-examined the Law respecting Wharfage which was referred back to them—And they submit the same, as they have amended it, to the Board. The amendments are not of material importance, but are necessary to carry into effect, the views of your Committee, and of the Board, in relation to the proposed mode of collecting wharfage—with these amendments your Committee recommend that the said Law be passed

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
[235] (Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
William Burtsell

The Board then proceeded to consider the Law proposed by them, and having gone through the same by Paragraphs the same was amended and passed under the Title of "a Law to regulate the Lying of Vessels at the public Wharves and in the Slips and to establish the rules of Wharfage."

The Finance Committee on the petition of the New York Mechanics & Scientific Institution praying for the grant of a Lot of ground reported against the same as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed memorial of the Managers of the New York Mechanic & Scientific Institution, That the Memorialists have, as they state, petitioned the Legislature to relinquish the Arsenal Ground separated from the main Lot (on which the building stands,) by the continuation of White Street; and they now petition this Corporation (as that part of the lot, if relinquished, will revert to them) to grant the same to the said Mechanic and Scientific Institution, in [236] order that they may erect thereon a suitable building for the use of that Institution.

Your Committee, however they may estimate the value and utility of that respectable Institution, cannot consider it expedient to grant the prayer of the Memorial. If the State relinquishes its right to the whole or a part of the premises now occupied as an arsenal, the same becomes the property of this Corporation, and your Committee think that they could not be justified in recommending the board to release its title or interest in these premises according to the memorial now under consideration.

They therefore offer for the consideration of the board the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of the Trustees of the Economical School to assume the payment of debts owing by the Institution reported against the petition as follows

[237] The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of the Trustees of the Society of the Economical School in the City of New York, That the Petitioners wish the Corporation to pay off a debt of $433 91/100 which is owing by that Institution—because the members of the Common Council are members ex officio *members* of that Institution—Your Committee can not but think, that it would be unwise to comply with the prayer of the petitioners—The principle could not be sanctioned by the Board, that they are to be responsible for the arrearages of institutions, however meritorious—The circumstance of the members of the board belonging to the Institution, is an immaterial one, because their being members was not a

provision made with their assent or upon the application of this corporation—Under these circumstances, Your Committee feel it to be their duty to recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[238] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petitions of John Moore and Andrew Mercein on the subject of their Leases for Lots in Chatham Street reported against the prayers of the petitioners as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petitions of John Moore and Andrew Mercein—That the petitioners are lessees of property on Chatham Street, and have been duly notified to quit the same on the first of May next—but that the petitioners seem to think, that this Board do not require the premises or any part thereof for a public purpose, and therefore expect relief, The Lease[s] are determinable whenever the premises or a part thereof shall be required for a public purpose. The Lessees took the Leases on these terms—By a resolution of this Board passed sometime since, part of said premises are to be appropriated to widen and straighten Chatham Street, and it is quite probable that the whole of the premises will be applied to public purposes at the same time that the Street is to be widened. At all events, it is well understood that the property in question will be applied to public purposes, altho' there has been some difference of opinion in the board, as to the manner [239] of appropriating these premises to the public use—The Lessees having held these premises since 1812, they have no right to complain, There has been no haste on the part of the board in making the contemplated improvements, which have become necessary, and are very much desired by the neighbourhood, and by the Citizens generally—The leases are to terminate on the first day of May next—And Your Committee do not think that the lessees, under all the circumstances of the case, ought to consider themselves as entitled to relief at the hands of the Board. On the contrary the Board has acted in good faith, and the leases are to terminate agreeably to the intention of the parties, and the terms and conditions of the Leases—Your Committee

therefore offer for the consideration of the Board, the following resolutions.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[240] The Finance Committee on the petition of Rachel Arden for payment awarded to persons unknown by the Commissioners on regulating 5th Avenue reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of Rachel Arden, That the petitioner wishes the Board to pay to her the sum of $55 allowed by the Commissioners for opening the 5th Avenue for certain premises taken for that purpose—The Commissioners reported the owners of this piece of land as being unknown—Considering the small amount of this award, and that Mrs Arden is responsible for that sum of money, Your Committee recommend to the Board the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that upon Mrs Ardens executing a proper Bond of Indemnity to the Corporation, which shall be approved by the Counsel of this Board, The Street Commissioner report through the Comptroller a Warrant for the said sum in favour of Mrs Arden.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
[241] Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of John R Soper Lessee of 3d District of Wharves piers and Slips for relief. reported against the same as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully Report on the annexed petition of John R Soper lessee of the third District of the public Wharves, That the petitioner, on the ground that the middle pier of Albany basin was not completed as soon as he expected, claims relief—

But your Committee do not consider that Mr Soper had any assurance that the pier was to be completed by any given period—They think, that Mr Soper was required to assume the risk of the basin, as it then was, and the Corporation were to build the middle pier, but not within any fixed time—There are no circumstances in the case of Mr Soper, which induce your Committee to believe that he is entitled to relief, On the contrary, they think that he ought to comply with his contract promptly and faithfully—They therefore respectfully offer for the consideration of the board the following resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant [242] the prayer of the petitioner

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee presented the following additional Report on the subject of Water Grants proposing to extend the same to Tompkins Street as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report to the Board, that at the last regular meeting, Tompkins Street, as laid down on a Map then approved by the Board, having been adopted as the exterior line of the improvements in that part of the City above Stanton Street, Your Committee are of the opinion that the water grants in that vicinity ought to extend to and include said Street as laid down on said Map—Your Committee therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved, that the Counsel in preparing the grants to Charles Henry Hall, Nicholas W. Stuyvesant, Nicholas Fish and others extend the premises granted to [243] Tompkins Street, and including the same, agreeably to said Map, and according to the several resolutions heretofore passed as to those grants.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the subject of the Lease to Jacob Schieffelin of Lots N° 61-63 Chatham Street referred to them presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the Lease to Jacob Schieffelin, That after fully considering this matter, they are of the opinion that the rent ought to be Seven Hundred dollars, instead of Seven Hundred and fifty dollars—Your Committee have agreed to this reduction upon the principal of the reduction made by the Board in the case of M^r Field—according to the amount of rent fixed in that case, it is the opinion of the Committee that M^r Schieffelin's rent ought not to be more than the above mentioned sum of Seven hundred [244] dollars, And the circumstance that M^r Schieffelin agreed to the rent of $750 as formerly required by the Committee, (he then being sick, and confined to his house at Manhattanville) ought not to be any reason against granting him a lease upon terms equally favourable with those granted to an adjoining lessee—On the contrary, Your Committee are satisfied that M^r Schieffelin accepted the terms offered by them relying that they would be as favourable to him as to any other, in fixing the rent—Inasmuch as the reduction in the case of M^r Field has taken place, Your Committee have according to the directions of the board, reconsidered the question as to the rent of M^r Schieffelin, and they have arrived at the conclusion above stated, and therefore respectfully offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Counsel of the Board alter the lease agreeably to this Report, and that his honor the Mayor be authorised to execute the same during the recess of the Board.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
W^m H Ireland
[245] (Signed) Sam^l Cowdrey
William Burtsell

Which was approved & the Lease directed to be duly executed.

The Street Committee on the petition for paving Arden Street presented a report in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of George Weeks and others, praying that Arden Street may be regulated and paved. Report that in their opinion the request of the peti-

tioners ought to be granted—and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for paving Cannon Street reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom the annexed resolution was referred, Report that they are [246] of the opinion that the subject embraced in said Resolution ought to be carried into effect, accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That Cannon Street be regulated and paved from Broome to North Street, and the side thereof be graveled.

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for paving West Street from Murray to Duane St. reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee report on the petition to have West Street regulated and paved from Murray Street to Duane Street.

Report, that it is in their opinion highly necessary to have that Street paved, as it is in its present state almost impassable and that it is also necessary that Warren Street and Chambers Street should be regulated and paved from Washington to West Street and accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that West Street be regulated [247] and paved from Murray to Duane Street, & so much of Warren and Chamber Streets as may be necessary to make them conform to the regulation of West Street.

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition to regulate and pave Ridge Street between Broome and Delancey Streets reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Morgan Lewis and others for permission to regulate and pave Ridge Street from Broome to Delancey Street, stating that they have entered into a contract with a Mr Fitch to perform the work for them,

Report That they understand the wish of the petitioners to be, that they may be permitted to pave the Street without Ordinance or Assessment, and yet that it may be done under the direction of the proper officer of the Board, all which your Committee deem to be improper and ought not to be granted.

Your Committee however recommend that [248] an Ordinance be passed for the paving Ridge Street from Broome to Delancey Street, in the usual way through the Office of the Street Commissioner, and accordingly Submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That Ridge Street be regulated and paved from Broome to Delancey Street and that an Ordinance be passed accordingly.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Saml St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the subject of appointing a Measurer of Stone and Marble presented the following Report.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Petition of a number of Master Stone and Marble Cutters praying that a Measurer of these articles may be appointed

Report, That from the investigation which your Committee have bestowed on this subject it appears that great inconvenience has for a long time been felt as well by those who furnish as those who purchase cut Stone and marble [249] for buildings in this City, owing to the great difficulty and skill required in the admeasurement after such materials become incorporated with the building.

This inconvenience will naturally be extended in the same ratio with the increase of buildings in this large and growing City, and in the opinion of your Committee is of sufficient importance to call for the interposition of the Municipal Government.

The petitioners are desirous that a Measurer should be appointed, whose judgement shall be decisive between the parties—At first view it will be doubted whether the Common Council can confer such powers without Legislative aid, but upon an inspection of the Charter it will be found that its provisions are in this respect very ample, in page 62. power is delegated to the Common Council to pass "such laws as may seem to them good or necessary for the government of all artificers, inhabitants and residents of the City and how their factors, servants and apprentices in their functions and business shall use, carry and behave themselves."

Again in page 73 the Common Council are specially authorized among other things to appoint by warrant under the Common Seal or otherwise one or more measurers of grain, [250] Salt, and all other "commodities." From the extensive signification of the latter word, it would seem that this power extends to every species of Wares and merchandize, or things bought and Sold.

It is under this clause of the Charter your Committee apprehend that Inspectors of Wood and various other officers have heretofore been appointed by the Common Council.

Your Committee do therefore recommend that a Law be passed for the appointment of such Officer prescribing his duties and limiting his compensation, and to that end they respectfully offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Counsel of this Board be directed to prepare the draft of an Ordinance in Conformity with the principles of the foregoing Report, and that he present the same at the next regular meeting.

All which is submitted by

(Signed) E W King
Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor
Sam[l] St John
Sam[l] Cowdrey

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[251] The Watch Committee to whom had been referred the several petitions for the Office of Cap[t] of the City Watch of the 3[rd] District presented the following Report.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of the several Applicants for the Office of Captain of the third District Watch

Report that they have had the same under consideration, and state for the information of the Board that the Petitioners are all well recommended, Your Committee are led to believe, that the intention of the referance was for them to recommend a suitable person, to discharge the duties required by Law, and in making that selection they have been governed by the principle, that merit always deserves its reward, they find on the Watch of the third District, a man whom your Committee believe every way qualified, to discharge the important duties required, he having served as Assistant under the late Captain Brower for a number of Years—they therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That Cornelius Stagg be and he is hereby appointed Captain of the third District Watch in the place of Cap^{t} B[r]ower Deceased,

Jameson Cox
W^{m} Burtsell
(Signed) Philip Hone

[252] Whereupon the same was approved, the Resolution adopted and Cornelius Stagg was appointed accordingly.

Petitions of Daniel Vail and William B Hughes for Office of Assistant of 3^{d} district Watch were presented and referred to the Watch Committee—And it was Resolved that the petitions for Office of Cap^{t} of 3rd District Watch heretofore presented and not acted upon be taken into consideration by the Committee with the petitions for Office of Assistant

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred the Communication of John Woodward Esq^{r} Clerk of the City and County of New York on the subject of filing the oaths of Office taken by the Officers of the Corporation presented the following Report.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred an application of John Woodward Esq. Clerk of the City, requesting the construction of this Board, upon that part of the Statute concerning Oaths, relating to the Office in which the rolls of Oaths taken by the Alderman of this City, ought to be filed,

Report, That the rolls of these Oaths, have been heretofore uniformly deposited, [253] together with the rolls of Oaths taken by the Assistants and other City Officers elected under the Charter, in the Office of the Clerk of the Common Council, But as by a literal construction of the Section referred to by M^{r} Woodward, though somewhat obscure in itself, and especially so, when taken in connection

with other parts of the Statute, it may perhaps be required that these rolls should be deposited in the office of the City Clerk, the Committee are induced to propose to the Board, for its consideration, the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the rolls of Oaths taken by the Aldermen of this City, ought by law to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York

respectfully Submitted

Sam[l] Cowdrey
(Signed) E W King
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred the Resolution of the 17[th] January last on the subject of obtaining an abstract from the Secretary's Office of the Titles there recorded of Lands in the City of New York presented the following Report.

[254] The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred a resolution submitted to the Common Council, relating to the obtaining of an abstract from the office of the Secretary of State, of all Deeds and Mortgages recorded there, relating to or comprehending Lands in this City and County.

Report, That they have duly considered the subject matter of the said resolution, and have ascertained that such an abstract as is therein mentioned, would be extremely advantageous to the proprietors of real Estate, if the same were obtained and deposited in the Office of the register of this City and County—and that such abstract ought also to include all patents of Lands within the limits of this City. The Committee are further of Opinion that it would be a useful arrangement, if all deeds and conveyances, as well as Mortgages, were required to be recorded in the County w[h]ere the lands lie, besides being recorded in Cases where it is proper, in the Office of Secretary of State, At least such a provision ought to be extended to this City, where transfers of Title are becoming very frequent, and certainty with regard to which, is a matter of such public and general concern.

The Committee therefore propose the foll [255] owing resolutions for the consideration of the Board.

1 Resolved, That it would be expedient on the part of this Board, to apply to the Legislature for a Law, requiring first that the Secretary of State make out, and cause to be deposited with the Register of the City and County of New York, and at the expense of this Board, a certified abstract from the Records of his Office, of all such patents,

and other conveyances, and Mortgages, recorded & registered there, as relate to Lands and Premises within the limits of the Said City and County of New York, and Second that all Deeds and conveyances, as well as Mortgages, hereafter to be, executed, besides being recorded, in cases where it is proper, in the Office of the Secretary of State, be also recorded in the County where the Lands are situated, at least so far, as relates to the City and County of New York.

II Resolved, that the Counsel of this board be instructed to prepare a Memorial and Bill, embracing the objects above specified, and that his Honor the Mayor be authorized to authenticate such memorial, and transmit the same, together with the said Bill, to the Legislature, during the recess of this Board.

[256] respectfully Submitted

S Cowdrey
E W King
Thom^{s} Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom had been referred the Letter from Thomas H. Smith and Charles H. Hall on the subject of an alteration in the Health Law presented the following Report.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom the annexed Communication from Thomas H Smith was referred, respectfully report, that the provisions of the 4th Section of the Health Law applies to Vessels from Canton and Calcutta, and the Petitioner represents that the Law ought to be amended in this respect—Your Committee deeming any alteration in our Health Laws should be considered with great care and attention, having consulted Doctor Harrison Health Officer, and Doctor Walker—and they are of opinion that the Law ought to be amended as requested by M^{r} Smith.

Your Committee being of the same opinion have accordingly framed a Law, which they herewith submit to the Board—and respectfully Offer the following Resolution for consideration.

[257] Resolved, That the Counsel prepare a proper Memorial to the Legislature to accompany this Law—and that he engross the said Law—and that his Honor the Mayor authenticate and forward the same during the recess of the Board

Will^{m} Burtsell
Jacob B Taylor
Signed Thom^{s} Bolton
Philip Hone

Which was agreed to, the Resolution adopted, the Law presented and approved under the Title of an Act to amend an Act to provide against infectious and pestilential Diseases passed March 21st 1823.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom had been referred back their Report of the 14th February on the petition for dividing the Tenth Ward presented a Report accompanied with the draught of a Bill to be enacted by the Legislature into a Law which was read and after some discussion the further consideration thereof was postponed until monday next on which day it was Resolved that the Board when they adjourn will adjourn to meet, and the Law was directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

[258] The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company No 7

Isaac Gulick Merchant 347 Pearl Street,
Vice James Smith Resigned

Fire Engine Company No 12

Andrew Kevan Merchant 310 Pearl St.,
Vice George Went Left the City

John Mildeberger Carpenter 216 William St.
Vice John M Bloodgood time Expired.

Fire Engine Company No 19

Charles R Curtis Grocer Cor Hester & Forsyth
Vice Anthony Fountain Resigned

Fire Engine Company No 22

George Haman Blacksmith 69 Lombardy
Vice Charles Clinton Resigned

Fire Engine Company No 23

John *Marceillus* [Marselis] Carpenter Wooster Street
Vice Lewis J Lebut joined Hook & L Co.

Peter R Warner Clerk White Street
Vice Joseph S Barker joined Engine Co No

Fire Engine Company No 29

Peter Chittery Silver Smith Raison St
Vice Asa W Hall Resigned

Peter Wanmaker Sadler Greenwich St
Vice Thoms M Blakley Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 31

Perigrine Cumberson Smith Laurence St.

Vice Samuel W Hanley Resigned.

[259] The Counsel presented a Report that the Supreme Court had confirmed the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate in the cases of extending Houston and North Streets—widening Pike Street opening 6th Avenue—widening Bancker Street, laying out & forming a Public place between the intersection of Grand, Scammel & Harman Streets—and opening First Street—Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee

The Counsel presented the following Report of the decision of the Chancellor in the suit of James Thompson which was directed to be filed

The Counsel respectfully reports, that the Chancellor has decided the suit in Chancery brought by James Thompson against the Collector of the first Ward of this City, and the Collector of the Town of Rhinebeck, in Dutchess County. This was a Bill of interpleader, both collectors claiming a personal tax from Mr Thompson, he residing during the year about the same length of time in this City and in Rhinebeck—The Chancellor has determined that Mr Thompson was legally taxed in this City, and was not liable to be taxed in Rhinebeck—He has allowed the Complainant his [260] Costs out of the fund which was paid into Court, but has not allowed Costs to either of the Defendants

As this suit was defended by the Orders of the Board, the result is respectfully communicated.

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

The Counsel presented for execution a Lease to John Field

The Counsel herewith reports a Lease for execution, to John Field of a Lot on Chatham Street, made pursuant to the directions of the board, for 21 Years from the 1st of May next, at a rent of $500.

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the said Lease was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented a Report on subject of opening 114 Street, whereupon Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector to collect the Assessment for the same.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report on subject of Lots sold for Taxes & Assessments the term of Sale having expired

[261] The Street Commissioner herewith respectfully presents a Lists of property which has been sold for the non payment of Taxes and Assessments, the term of which Sale having expired, he would suggest the propriety of directing public notice to be given agreeably to Statute, in order that the Owners or Owner (if any there be) may shew title, and take possession thereof.

All which is respectfully submitted

R Graves St. Commr

Lots Nos 927, 932, 934 Bayards East farm. East side of Mott Street, between Broome and Spring Streets.

Lots Nos 421. 422. Delancy's Farm, westerly side of Forsyth (formerly Second) Street, between Delancy and Rivington Street.

Whereupon the same was approved and he was directed to give the notice required by Law.

He also made a communication on the subject of a Water Grant to Heirs of William Edgar deceased, Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed viz

For paving Ridge Street from Broome [262] to Delancy Street and James Bleecker, Isaac Kip and John Targee were appointed Assessors

For paving Cannon Street from Broome to North Street, and Benjamin Prince, Abraham Dally and John Brower were appointed Assessors

For paving Arden Street from Herring St. to Trinity Church line and Cary Dunn Junr John Salisbury and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors.

For paving West Street from Murray to Duane Street and Isaac Kip, John Salisbury and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, Viz.

No	1	L Cortland	Occupant	No	14 Anthony St	A privy
	2	Mrs Miller	Do		24 "	"
	3	J Elliott	Do		34 "	"
	4	Widow Bird	Do		40 "	"
	5	S S Johnson	Do		52 "	"
	6	J Hoffman	Do		54 "	"
	7	F Stivers	Do		58 "	"

8	M McCullam	Occupant	6	Chapel	A privy
9	[263] S Baker	do	7	do	"
10	H Stevens	do	15	do	"
11	Trustees of Columbia College	Owners	19	do	"
12	Wm Dixon		21	do	"
13	Miss Rogers	Occupant	21	do	"
14	J Fash	Do	22	do	"
15	M Stymets	Do	34	do	"
16	G Harskill	Do	74	do	"
17	H Harris	Do	80	do	"
18	A Rand	Do	80	do	"
19	J Geroid	Do	82	do	"
20	Wm Brown	Do	85	do	"
21	G Steel	Do	94	do	"
22	M Davis	Do	96	do	"
23	G H Britten	Do	98	do	"
24	C Magner	Do	100	do	"
25	B Vanauler	Do	112	do	"
26	A Ward	Do	117	do	"
27	M Berry	Do	119	do	"
28	C Reilly	Do	124	do	"
29	M Ann Russell	Do	165	do	"
30	Js Gourlay	Do	172	do	"
31	J Youmans	Do	214	do	"
32	J Palmer	Do	216	do	"
33	J M Turner	Do	222	do	"
34	Wm Warner	Do	226	do	"
35	J Sharp	Do		Chapel & York	"
36	A Boyer	Do	59	Church	"
37	H Banks	Do	61	do	"
38	[264] D Fanshaw	do	63	do	do
39	J Cochran	do	64	do	do
40	Mrs Crane	do	75	do	do
41	A Nesbit	do	93	do	do
42	R Cooper	do	100	do	do
43	E Horne	do	102	do	do
44	R Hutson	do	108	do	do
45	J Clegg	do	110	do	do
46	F Dunn	do	120	do	do
47	J Henington	do	132	do	do
48	G Huyler	do	140	do	do
49	G Emmitt	do	154	do	do
50	A Husted	do	161	do	do
51	E Rowland	do	187	do	do
52	Mrs Paine	do	196	do	do
53	P Shapler	do	196½	do	do
54	J Forrester	do	199	do	do
55	E Guion	do	200	do	do

56	D Day	Occupant	206	Church	A privy
57	J Darling	do	213	do	do
58	M Flanagan	do	215	do	do
59	S Westervelt	do	217	do	do
60	M Kitchell	do	219	do	do
61	Wm White	do	221	do	do
62	A Anderson	do	234	do	do
63	L Moore	do		Church & Lispenard	do
64	N Reed	do	214	Harman	do
65	L Debaun	do	5	Leonard	do
66	D Degrout	do	13	do	do
67	[265] W Hendricks	do	14	do	do
68	R Halden	do	16	do	do
69	T Gilbert	do	17	do	do
70	L Martin	do	20	do	do
71	S Van Winkle	do	23	do	do
72	J Bertholf	do	24	do	do
73	Mrs Wall	do	25	do	do
74	J Ordronaux	do	28	do	do
75	D Scofield	do	32	do	do
76	H Jackson	do	32	do	do
77	L Taylor	do	33	do	do
78	J W Martin	do	37	do	do
79	M Banker	do	44	do	do
80	C Toms	do	50	do	do
81	J Walsh	do	52	do	do
82	J Whitman	do	56	do	do
83	G Collins	do	57	do	do
84	H Bearfield	do	58	do	do
85	A Husted	do	65	do	do
86	H Pratt	do	67	do	do
87	S Storms	do	58	Water St	do
88	L Moore	do	3	do	do
89	J Palmer	do	9	do	do
90	R G Wilson	do	169	do	do
91	J Williams	do	171	do	do
92	M Ryder	do	235	do	do
93	J Vail	do	235	do	do
94	J Smith	do	243	do	do
95	J North	do	247	do	do
96	*[265] J Johnston	do	58	Rutgers	do
97	J Re[e]il	do	17	Thomas	do
98	R Robinson	do	23	do	do
99	N Batchelor	do	43	do	do
100	Wm Loyd	Owner		Canal St	A Lot

George Cuming
City Inspecr

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

Alderman Ostrander presented a Resolution for regulating and paving Attorney Street from Grand to North Street which was referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Wyckoff presented a Resolution for flagging the Side walks in Washington St between Beaver Lane and Marketfield Street which was adopted, and the Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance, agreeably thereto, which was passed and Isaac Kip, Cary Dunn Junr and John Targee were appointed assessors

Alderman Wyckoff presented several Resolutions for amending the Law for removal of Filth and Dirt from the Streets, which were referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that the Report of the Street Committee on the subject of the Resolution [266] referred to them respecting the amendments of the Law for the removal of Filth and dirt from the Streets be made the order of the day on the next meeting of the Board.

A Resolution for the appointment of Joshua Sutton to the Office of Measure of Grain was presented by Mr Schieffelin & referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

Mr Schieffeline presented a Resolution to prohibit the continuation of Cow Stables in the settled parts of the City. Which was referred to the Police Committee.

Upon motion of Alderman Wyckoff leave of Absence for a few days was given to the Clerk of the Board.

Mr Hone presented a Resolution to take into consideration at the next Meeting, the following subjects—that of the divisions of the 10th Ward, the Law for amending the Street Law—the appointment of a Keeper of the Penitentiary and Deputy Keeper, and that no other business be taken up—Which was read and laid on the Table

*[268] The Comptroller made the following Report.

Balance as per Acct 28 Feby	$122.02
Recd for Tax of 1824. 2d. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7 8 Wards	13.000.
" Rents	3.486.92
" Streets	1.252.36
" Fines &c of Attorney	765.28
" Justices Courts	475.84
" Police Office	280.95
" Wells & pumps	230.
" Mayoralty fees	29.
	19.642.37

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

27 Accounts Audited

Leek and Concklin Watch 1 Dist.....	$813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2d "	666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "	645.75
Abr. B Martling Keeper City Hall for fuel.....	100.
I A Isaacs Clerk issuing Cartmens Licenses 12 dys.....	21.
J Stevens " " " " 11 "	19.25
Jno Wark Marshall " " " 10 "	12.50
L Baum Clerk Washn Market 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	72.60
P Ammerman, " Six " 1 " 1 "	53.75
A Leggett Superg & Work Mud Machine to 13 Inst.....	177.79
Jas Morgan & Son repairs " "	209.43
Thos Snowden 6 Mo. Subscripn N Advocate 15 Dec 1824...	50.
Gray and Bunce printing 100 Copies Report of J Stanford for 1824	9.50
S. L'Hommedieu Clerk Police, Expences 1 Year 12 Feb. bal.....	1.12
[269] J Mitchell & Co 23 Casks Oil.....	916.80
N. Jarvis reg & curb Amity St. fr Broadway to 6th Avenue, Corporan Assessment	249.63
Brown & Bells repairs in North St.....	1.25
Estate Margaret Stuyvesant by E L Winthrop Legatee, Award Opening Avenue D.....	27.
J Gallagher bal. Well, Attorney St. near Delancy St.....	51.
R Pettigrew bal. Well Bleecker St near Minetto St.....	43.26
G Charlton, bal Well, Amity St near 6th Avenue.....	40.37
G Charlton, bal Well Varick St near Canal St.....	31.36
John Higham Costs on Sale of House & 2 Acres at Harleam 10 No.....	7.
G Tucker Acct Extra Mason's Work at Fever Hospital....	450.
J Anderson 4th and last payment building Pier. Roosevelt St basin	1445.
A Burtis Superintendant A House.....	4500.
Mechanics Bank. Bond 27 Octor $8600. Int. 4½ Mo. $193.50	8793.50

Balance

The Board adjourned

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[271] [Special Meeting] In Common Council March 21st 1825.

Present. The Honble William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Samuel Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	D. E. Dunscomb
William A Davis	Effingham Schieffeline
Gideon Ostrander	William P Rathbone

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from Owners and Occupants of property in Houston Street and its vicinity requesting said Street may be paved from Broadway to Thompson Street—Was referred to the Street Committee.

[272] A remonstrance from the Rectors, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Georges Church against the opening of Cliff Street from Beekman St to Frankfort Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Goodwin for permission to assign the Lease of Lot N° 154 Common Lands to William Ash, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Robert Blake to be appointed a Measurer of Cut stone & marble was presented and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition from Calvin Griswold to be appointed an Assistant Foreman of the Watch in the place of Cornelius Stagg, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition from William Van Nest to be appointed Keeper of the Park, was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A Similar petition from Elisha Norcross was referred to the same Committee.

[273] A petition of the Inhabitants of Pearl St near Franklin square complaining of the injury to a public pump by means of the Gass works, and praying that the same may be corrected—was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward.

A petition of the Owners of Lots in Ridge Street praying that the said Street may be regulated and paved from Broome to North Street, was referred to the Street Committee

A petition of Frederick Depeyster praying for a Water Grant in front of his property corner of Rivington and Mangin Streets on East river was referred to the Finance Committee

A petition of Henry Eckford for Water Grant in front of his property East side of Stanton Slip, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from John Jarvis and others that Sheriff Street be paved from Stanton St to North Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

[274] A petition from A Cheesborough that his Stoop in Howard Street may remain as it now is—was referred to the Street Committee

A petition from Francis Cochran and Hamilton Biggam for a Water Grant between Vestry and Laight Streets to extend to West Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from Duncan P Campbell and Campbell P White Executors of the Estate of William Edgar deceased, requesting to be permitted to rent to Messrs Mowatt Brothers & Co for the exclusive use of their Steam Boat and lighters &c for the term of Two Years the Basin on the North side of Pier No 6 North river was presented, the same having been read it was Resolved that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petitions

A petition from Doctor Sterling and others praying that the deposite of Filth between Hubert, Laight, Washington and Greenwich Streets may be immediately removed, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward.

[275] A petition of Benjamin S Many to be appointed Assistant of the 3d District Watch, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A petition of sundry Inhabitants, Freeholders and residents of the first and third Wards praying that a Law may be passed for the filling up of West Street from Cedar to Courtlandt St. was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips

A Memorial of the Trustees of the first Protestant Episcopal Charity School in the City of New York for a proportion of the School funds, was referred to the Law Committee.

A petition of Edward Tupp to be appointed Keeper of the Park—was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A petition of Henry Dickers for an extension of Leases of Lots No 69. 70. 75. 76 & 81 Common Lands—was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Communication from the proprietors of the several Daily Papers

of the City of New York on the subject of the terms offered [276] by the Corporation to perform their printing was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A petition of Peter Banta for the Appointment of Inspector of Street Manure was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the petition of Joshua Sutton to be appointed a measurer of Grain reported in favour of the petitioner which was read and referred back to the same Committee.

The Report of the Street Committee with respect to the removing of Filth and Dirt from the Streets was called up, and after some discussion referred back to the same Committee.

The Counsel presented a Report stating that Isaac Valentine had not executed the Lease for the Hay Scales at Gouverneur Slip, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[277] Alderman Cox presented the following Resolution

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to inquire into and Report on the expediency of supplying the interior of the 8th Ward and 10th Ward with Water for the purpose of extinguishing fires, by putting down public Cisterns at different Churches in said Wards, Which was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A petition of Benjamin F J Gautier for office of Deputy Keeper of Penitentiary

A Similar petition from Joseph Horn

A Similar petition from James Gilchrist and a Similar petition from James Hume were severally read and laid on the Table.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances

No 1	J Strong	Owner	No	91½	Chapel St	A privy
2	Mrs Kent	Occupt		341	Cherry St	do
3	A Mead	Lessee		343	do	do
4	J Daniels	Occupt		345	do	do
5	J Barry	do		349	do	do
6	[278] H Osborn	do		351	do	"
7	H Kimmons	do		353	do	"
8	A *Erston* [Evertson]	do		355	do	"
9	J Miller Jun	do	No	4	Front St	"
10	M Dixon	do		12	do	"
11	A S Belden	do		44	do	"

12	J Spence	Occupt	68	Front St	A privy
13	J Phelan	do	74	do	"
14	M Ferris	do	76	do	"
15	Smith & Nicoll	do	51	do	"
16	Mrs Kinshley	do	83	do	"
17	J Nicholson	do	97	do	"
18	Mrs Lebritton	do	145	do	"
19	C Lewis	do	147	do	"
20	W Hull	do	189	do	"
21	Smith & Nicoll	do	28	Pearl St	"
22	J Jaques	do	29	do	"
23	D Ward	do	58	do	"
24	J Beekman	do	64	do	"
25	W Williams	do	81	do	"
26	Cushman & Falconer	do	118	do	"
27	C Sheeler	do	120	do	"
28	O Hull & Son	do	146	do	"
29	N Merritt	do	160	do	"
30	J S Baker	do	177	do	"
31	J. W Hardenbrook	do	293	do	"
32	F Graham	do	295	do	"
33	R V Beekman	do		Cor Pearl & Coenties Slip	"
34	P Spring	do	200	Spring	"
35	[279] B Shurragar	do	202	do	"
36	L Hall	do	27	Watts	"
37	W Bowden	do	29	do	"
38	M Anderson	do	31	do	"
39	R Robins	do	2	Water	"
40	W E Mathews	do	6	do	"
41	S Whitney	do	14	do	"
42	W Dixon	do	30	do	"
43	G Witsell	do	38	do	"
44	Daler & Miller	do	48	do	"
45	H Tucker	do	64	do	"
46	E Baldston	do	168	do	"
47	R Smith	do	192	do	"
48	J Whittey	do	244	do	"
49	E Ritter	do	250	do	"
50	H Barker	do	538	do	"
51	R Horsford	do	539	do	"
52	W Goring	do	540	do	"
53	J J Dorset	do	543	do	"
54	C Gould	Owners	545	do	"
55	W S Simers	do		Mott St.	"

Geo Cuming
City Inspecr

The Report of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature of the 14th February last on the Petition for dividing the 10th Ward.

which together with the Law reported by them had been laid for consideration was now called [280] up and the Report being read as follows.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature beg leave to report on the annexed petition of the Inhabitants of the 10th Ward. That the petitioners pray that said Ward may be divided into two wards, and your committee have bestowed an attentive consideration to the subject, and are of the opinion that the said Ward is more than equal in its size and population to most of the other wards. That the 8th, 9th and 10th Wards are much larger in their boundaries and extent than the other Wards, and are likewise in population much larger than the others. That it would seem to be just in principal and expedient in regard to conveniency, that the several Wards of the City, should from time to time be equalized as to their extent and population; and such has been the principle hitherto acted upon, for it appears that the Legislature has (upon the petition of the Common Council) several times, altered and equalised the Wards of the City. It is true, that these alterations ought not to be made either unnecessarily or too frequently; but it is equally true, that when the population of a Ward or Wards is quite disproportionate to the other Wards, the principal of equal representation, as well as that of convenience, calls for and [281] justifies an equalization of the several Wards. Such is the present state of the 8th, 9th & 10th Wards, and Your Committee therefore do not hesitate to say, that an alteration is necessary. The question is, whether all the Wards shall be altered in their bounds, so as to equalized them as to extent and population, or whether a new ward or wards shall be created by a division of the largest Wards of the City. Your Committee, after duly considering the matter, have arrived at the conclusion, that it is most expedient to create two new wards out of the surplus population and extent of the 8th, 9th and 10th Wards inasmuch as it will avoid the necessity of altering the bounds of all the Wards—and will save the necessity of having the Wards of too great an extent, the inconvenience of which is experienced at every election, Besides, the 8th, 9th and 10th Wards (as at present situated, will admit of division into five Wards as proposed, in several eligible ways —thus leaving all the Wards of the City, more upon an equality, as to inhabitants and extent, than at present. Your Committee however do not mean to prescribe the lines of the proposed division, which, as they have before stated, may be drawn in more than one manner, and still meet the object in view. By referring to the Map of the [282] City, as divided into Wards, it will be easily perceived that the two

new wards proposed to be made, may be advantageously created out of the surplus of the 8th, 9th & 10th Wards, by running the lines in several directions. The lines of division may either be determined upon by the Board, or in case the board agrees to the report of this Committee, the subject may be referred to a proper Committee, to prepare the necessary law and application to the Legislature, in which the division lines be contained, Your Committee deem the question as to the particular lines of dividing these wards as unimportant in comparison with the principal question, shall the Wards be divided? If the division is determined upon, the particular mode of dividing, will be a proper subject of after consideration and will not perhaps give rise to much difficulty, although more than one mode has been suggested. Your Committee therefore submit for the consideration of the Board the following resolutions.

I. Resolved, That it is expedient to apply to the Legislature, to alter the boundaries of the 8th 9th & 10th Wards, in such manner as to create two new Wards in addition to the said 8th 9th and 10th Wards, within their present limits

[283] II Resolved, That the Committee on Applications to the Legislature be requested to prepare a proper Memorial to the Legislature, and draft of a Law, to carry into effect the above objects—In which shall be contained such boundaries of each of the said Wards, as the said Committee shall deem proper—and that the said Memorial be reported, together with said proposed Law, to this board for examination.

(Signed) Wm Burtsell
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor
Thomas Bolton

The Law being read by paragraphs was after some amendments approved of under the Title of "An Act to equalize and increase the number of Wards in the City of New York" and the Counsel was directed to prepare a suitable Memorial to the Legislature requesting the enactment of the said Law which Memorial was directed to be duly authenticated during the recess of the Board and transmitted to the Legislature now in session at Albany.

[284] The Market Committee on the Petition of John Bremner Clerk of Catharine Market for an increase of pay, reported in his favour as follows.

The Market Committee beg leave respectfully to Report. That John Bremner, Clerk of Catharine Market has applied to them for

an increase of pay and your Committee find that he receives at present One dollar per day exclusive of Sundays which is less than others receive who have similar duties to perform, and that the proper regulation of the Market requires in an especial manner his attendance on Sunday mornings.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That John Bremner receive as a compensation for his services as Clerk of Catharine Market from the first day of April next, and during the pleasure of the Board, the sum of One dollar per day, including Sundays, instead of his present rate of compensation

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Thoms Bolton
Matthew Reed
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[285] The Market Committee on the petition of Duncan Campbell for Stall N° 3 Greenwich Market reported in his favour as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Duncan Campbell for a Butchers License for Stand N° 3 Greenwich Market, having made the necessary investigations, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that a Butchers License be granted to Duncan Campbell, for the Stand N° 3 Greenwich Market.

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Thomas Bolton
Matthew Reed
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the petition that Steps be erected on the East wing of Fulton Market reported in favour as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons in the vicinity of Fulton Market praying to have a flight of steps erected to communicate with the East wing of said Market, beg leave respectfully to report.

That an opening has been left in the [286] East, wing of Fulton Market, fronting on Beekman Street, which is at present entered by temporary wooden Stairs. It was originally intended that Stone

Steps, corresponding with those in the Centre, and east wing, should be erected in Beekman Street, which intention has not hitherto been carried into effect, in consequence of the Street not having been regulated, this obstacle is now removed, and it is obviously proper, that Stone Steps should be erected without further delay, Your Committee therefore beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that the Superintendant of Repairs, be, and he is hereby directed, to cause a flight of Stone Steps to be erected to communicate with the East wing of Fulton Market, fronting on Beekman Street, corresponding with those in the other parts of the Market

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Thoms Bolton
Mw Reed
D E Dunscomb.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[287] The Market Committee on the Petition of Saml B Romaine and others for the passage of Law for the protection of Game presented the following Report together with an Ordinance,

Which Report was as follows, viz.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry Citizens, praying for the passage of an Ordinance, to prohibit certain descriptions of Game, from being offered for Sale in the Markets at improper Seasons of the year beg leave respectfully to report

That the Law of the State for the preservation of Game, is found to be ineffectual in its operation by reason of the difficulty of proving the fact of Killing, its salutary restrictions are constantly evaded with impunity, and the articles exhibited openly for Sale in our public Markets, which can only be obtained by the breach of a Known Law of the State.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to express their opinion on the propriety of restricting the killing of Game to certain seasons of the year, no other mode can be devised for its preservation, and they agree with the petitioners, that the only means to render such restrictions effectual, is to prevent the prohibited Articles, from being brought to market, at improper seasons

[288] In accordance with this opinion, Your Committee herewith submit the draft of an Ordinance which they recommend for the

adoption of the Board, Conforming to the prayer of the Petitioners in all respects, except as to the Sale of Partridge and Quail, which in the Opinion of the Committee may safely be extended to the first day of March.

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Thos Bolton
Mtt Reed
D E Dunscomb

Whereupon the Report was approved and the Ordinance was passed under the Title of a "Law for the preservation of Game" and was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

The Market Committee on the subject of a Weigher in Washington Market reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Market Committee, to whom was referred a resolution of the Board, requiring an expression of their opinion of the Committee on the propriety of establishing a Weigh Master in Washington Market, beg leave respectfully to Report.

[289] That in their opinion, the public accommodation, does require that such a measure should be adopted—and they accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a weigher be appointed who shall be stationed in Washington Market and that all the provisions of the Law passed Novr 22. 1824. entitled "a Law to regulate weighing in Fulton Market" shall apply with equal force to Washington Market, and the Weigher, now to be appointed for that Market, as well as to any other weigher, which the Corporation may hereafter appoint, and Station in either of the other public markets of this City.

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Thoms Bolton
Mathw Reed
D E. Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Thomas Varian and Christian Hartell for a reduction of Rent of Cellar No 4 under Catharine Market reported in favour of the Same as follows. Viz.

[290] The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed *the* petition of Thomas Varian and Christian Hartell for a reduction of part of the rent of a Cellar occupied by them under Catharine Market, beg leave respectfully to report.

That the petitioners hired the Cellar N° 4 Catharine Market, for the present Year, at the Rent of Fifty dollars, that in consequence of the filthy state of said Cellar, and the great delay on the part of the Corporation to put it in tenantable order, they could not obtain possession of it before the first of August Your Committee are therefore of opinion that their request to have an abatement of One Quarters rent is not unreasonable, and recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Collector of the City Revenue, be authorised to make a deduction from the Rent of Cellar N° 4 Catharine Market, equal to One Quarters rent

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Thos Bolton
Matthw Reed
D E. Dunscomb

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

[291] The Committee on Applications for Office on petitions of Jacob Hardenbrook. Joseph Tyson and Henry Martine for Office of Assistant Keeper of the Penitentiary reported as follows, viz.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Jacob Hardenbrook. Joseph Tyson and Henry Martine to be appointed Assistant Keeper of the Penitentiary—respectfully Report.

That they find all of the Applicants worthy and qualified for the Office they solicit and lieve it with the Board to make the Selection

Matthew Reed
Signed Jameson Cox

Which was read and laid on the Table

The Committee on Applications for Office on the Petition for Office of Keeper of the Penitentiary reported as follows.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of J Woodruff to be appointed Keeper of the Penitentiary respectfully Report, that they consider the Petitioner qualified and worthy of the appointment he solicits.

Matthew Reed
(Signed) Jameson Cox

The Board thereupon proceeded to ballot [292] for a person to fill the Office of Keeper of the City Penitentiary when J O Woodruff was duly chosen—Alderman King then presented the following Resolution.

Resolved, that J O Woodruff be and he is hereby appointed to the Office of Keeper of the Penitentiary—which was adopted.

The Board then proceded to ballot for an Assistant Keeper of the Penitentiary and Jacob Hardenbrook was duly chosen, Whereupon Alderman King presented the following

Resolved that Jacob Hardenbrook be and he is hereby appointed Assistant Keeper of the Penitentiary—which was adopted.

On Motion the Board proceded to ballot for a Person to fill the Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures—when Joseph Spencer be and he is hereby appointed a Sealer of Weights and Measures.

The Board adjourned to Monday next 4 Oclock,

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[294] In Common Council March 28th, 1825.

Present. The Honble William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Samuel Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jamison Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Daniel E Dunscomb
William A Davis	Effingham Schieffeline
Gideon Ostrander	William P Rathbone

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Andrew Buchan for relief from Tax assessed on him—was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Robert N Waite. for leave to remove the earth in front of his property Corner of 29th Street and 3d Avenue [295] was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of C D Sayre and others to have South Street between Dover and Roosevelt St. raised and regulated was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants praying that the Law relative to Wharfage which permits Vessels of 150 Tons to come into the Public Slips may be altered and the privilege confined to Vessels of 100 Tons, was read and a Law passed agreeably thereto under the Title of a Law to amend the Law entitled a Law to regulate the lying

of Vessels at the public Wharves and in the Slips and to establish the Rates of Wharfage, and it was directed to be published in the Papers employed by the Board and also the Law which was thereby amended.

A Petition from the Abysinnian Baptist Church for ground to be allowed to them as a place of Burial, in lieu of the present ground which they can no longer use—was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places

[296] A Petition of William Rhinelander for permission to rent the North side of the Pier at the foot of Murray Street for the exclusive use of Steam Boats was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips. and

The Petition of Messrs Mowatt & Co, on which at last meeting leave was given to Petitioners to withdraw their Petition was called up—recommended and referred to the Same Committee

A Petition of James Hunt praying an equalisation of the Wood Inspectors Districts No 9 & 10 at present attended to by John Smith and the petitioner—was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Joseph Spencer praying he may be permitted to use the Standard Weights and Measures heretofore used by a former City Sealer and now in the Street Commissioners Office—was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices with powers

A Petition of Michael Houseworth Junr for Office of Weigher in Washington Market Was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of sundry Owners of property in Arundel Street that said Street may be [297] regulated and paved between Stanton and North Street—was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that the Side Walks in Ludlow Street may be laid with Brick from Broome to Delancy Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that the side Walks in Delancy Street may be laid with brick from the Bowery to Goerick Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition *of* [that] Ridge Street may be regulated and paved from Rivington to Division Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from Owen Geary for Stall No 42 in Washington Market—was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that the present

Deputy Clerk of Centre Market may be removed from his Office—was referred to the Market Commee

A Petition of Agar Clark for relief from a Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments

[298] A Petition of Jacob Lorillard for permission to enclose an Area in front of his House with an Iron railing was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 5th Ward with Authority.

A Petition of Sundry Owners of Property on Norfolk and Suffolk Streets between Delancy and Stanton Streets, stating that said Streets have recently been regulated and paved from Delancy Street and they therefore request the Corporation to take charge of the same and keep them in repair at their own expence agreeably to a Law lately passed on that subject—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants in the 10th Ward complaining of the Cow House of Messrs Castro & Hendricks as a great Nuisance—was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this City praying that a portion of the School Money may be continued to be allowed for the Charity School under their care was read and referred to the Law Committee

[299] A Petition of Owners of property on Sloat Lane praying the Same may be widened to 30 feet at their individual expence and that the same may be called York Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that Attorney Street be paved and the side Walks gravelled from Grand to North Street, was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from the Trustees of the Bowery Presbyterian Church for permission to remove the fence in the rear of the Church so as to range with the line of the adjoining Stoops—was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that Essex Street be opened from Stanton to North Street and paved from Delancy to North Street, was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition that Willet Street be paved and the side walks gravelled from Stanton to North Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from Henry Eckford was received stating that he has been directed to co-operate with the Corporation in extending the side piers on the sides of Stanton Slip and to effect the same he requests permission to take the [300] Dirts from Montgomery,

Bancker & Scammel Streets for which he will pay One hundred dollars, the same being read was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Jonathan Woodruff for Office of Deputy Keeper of the Penitentiary, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Isaac Valentine for Stall N° 1 Greenwich Market & for permission to assign *lean* [lease] of Hay Scales at Gouverneur Slip to Shabal Hall, was referred to the Finance Committee and with powers in relation to the Hay Scales.

A Petition of William F Baker praying that the Ordinance for filling in the Lots on the East river between Catharine and Market Streets be carried into effect, was referred to the Street Commissioner with directions to carry the said Ordinance into effect.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and pump at corner of Hudson [301] and Burrow Streets reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of John P Roome and others for a Well and Pump in Broome Street near Hudson Street, report, that in their Opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

(Signed) Jacob B. Taylor
D. E. Dunscomb
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition for a Well and pump near the Intersection of Canal Street reported in favour of the same as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eight Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of John R Murray and others for a Well and pump in Greene Street near Canal Street. Report that in their Opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and therefore submit the [302] following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of petitioners be granted

Signed, Jacob B Taylor
D, E, Dunscomb
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and pump in Greene near Bleecker Street reported in favour as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Abraham P Mabie and others for a Well and pump in Greene Street near Bleecker Street, report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, the request of the Petitioners be granted.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
D E Dunscomb
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[303] The Street Committee on the petition for Opening a Street from Coenties Slip to Garden Street reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of James W Pent and others, requesting that a Street may be opened from Coenties Slip to Garden Street Report that in their Opinion the opening such Street in the direction prayed for is not required, either for the benefit of Individuals or for public accommodation—accordingly they submit the following resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition for widening and extending Cliff Street from Beekman Street to Frankford Street reported in favour of the same which being read was laid for further consideration.

[304] The Street Committee on the petition to have Pearl Street widened between Old Slip and Coenties Slip reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of John R Peters and others praying to have Pearl Street straightened between the Old and Coenties Slips, by taking a few inches from

the Lots and buildings on the Northerly side of the Street—Report that they have duly considered the subject, and are of the opinion that the expence which would arise from carrying the object of the petitioners into effect would far exceed any possible benefits that could result therefrom—and are therefore induced to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[305] The Street Committee on the communication of the Counsel on the subject of opening certain Streets presented the following Report. which was adopted and Morris D[e] Camp was appointed Collector on each.

The Street Commtitee to whom was referred the Communication from the Counsel to the Board stating that the Supreme Court had confirmed the opening of certain Streets therein named, Report their Opinion thereon by the following resolution.

Resolved, That the widening of Pike Street and Bancker Street be postponed to the first of May next ensuing and that the Buildings be removed therefrom, within Sixty days thereafter

Resolved that the opening of Houston Street from Broadway to the Bowery be postponed to the first day of May next ensuing and that the Buildings thereon awarded to this Corporation be sold immediately thereafter, to be removed together with all the Buildings on said Street within thirty days from and after the said first day of May.

Resolved, That the Opening of the Sixth Avenue from Greenwich Lane to 13[th] Street be postponed to the first day of May next, and that the Buildings thereon be removed within thirty days thereafter.

[306] Resolved, That the taking of the Triangle, or Gore of Ground at the junction of Grand, Harman & Scammel Streets be postponed until the first day of May next.

Resolved, That the Opening of First Street from the First Avenue to North Street be postponed, until the first day of May next, and the fences be removed in thirty days thereafter.

Resolved that Collectors be appointed to the several Assessments embraced in the foregoing resolutions.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John.

The Street Committee to whom were referred the petition to Open Cedar Street from William Street to Pearl Street and the remonstrance against the same reported against the petition as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of a respectable number of persons praying that Cedar Street may be extended from William Street to Pearl Street—Report, that they have examined [307] the premises, and duly considered the subject and altho they are compeled to agree in Opinion with the petitioners for the measure, that if carried into effect would add much to the value of the property adjoining the contemplated improvement—Yet from the numerous and equally respectable names who have remonstrated against the measure Your Committee are induced to submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves piers and Slips on the petition for completing West Street from Cedar to Courtlandt Street reported in favour as follows

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips to whom was referred the annexed petition of John Van Nostrand and others to have West Street made and completed from Cedar Street to Dey Street, Report that the interest of Individuals, and public [308] convenience require that Street to be completed as prayed for by the petitioners

Your Committee would also recommend that West Street be made from Hubert Street to Canal Street, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, that so much of West Street (not already done) be made and completed from Cedar Street to Dey Street, and from Hubert Street to Canal Street, and that Ordinances be passed accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) John Webb
John Agnew
Wm H Ireland
Asa Mann.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee and the Committee on public Offices to whom was referred the Petition of the Assessors of the several Wards for additional compensation and the report of the Finance Committee thereon presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee and the Committee on Public Offices, to whom were referred the annexed Petition of several of [309] the Assessors of the different Wards, praying an increase of the allowance proposed to be made to them for the year 1824. and the Report of the said Finance Committee heretofore made thereon, beg leave to Report. That they have met several times on the said matter, but owing to a diversity of Opinion in the said Committees, they have been unable to unite a majority in any report in favour or against the prayer of the said Petition—and as there is no probability that they will be able to make a Report, fixing the allowance to said Assessors, they have concluded that the said matter ought to be submitted to the board, for their disposition, and they therefore offer for consideration the following resolution.

Resolved, that the said Committees be discharged from the further consideration of the said Report and Petition, on the subject of the compensation to be made to the Assessors for the year 1824 and that the same be determined upon by the Board.

Respectfully submitted

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
H J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell
} Signed,
E W King
J B Taylor

[310] Which was accepted

Alderman Ireland presented the following Resolution which after some discussion was adopted.

Resolved, That the Assessors of the several Wards be allowed for 1824 the same compensation that was allowed them in 1823.

The Finance Committee on the Communication of the Street Commissioner in relation to a Water Grant to the Heirs of William Edgar deceased, reported as follows

The Committee on Finances, respectfully report that they have considered the annexed petition of Campbell P White, which was referred to them, That the petitioner wishes the Corporation to make the usual Water Grant of the land under Water, in front of the property adjoining Delancey Street belonging to the Estate of the late William Edgar Junior. The Committee are of the Opinion that such grant may with propriety be made, according to the terms of their Report fixing the rates of quit rent between Grand and North Streets. And they therefore submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Counsel prepare [311] and report a proper grant of the said land under Water to the Executors of the Estate of the said William Edgar for the use and benefit of said Estate upon the usual terms and, conditions and at the rates above referred to, and according to the regulation of that part of the City.

(Signed) Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell
Saml Cowdrey.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Frederick De Peyster and Henry Eckford for Water Grants reported in favour as follows.

The Finance Committee, respectfully report, that they have considered the annexed petition of Frederick Depeyster for a Water grant in front of his property adjoining Rivington Street, and the petition of Henry Eckford for a similar grant in front of his property on the East side of Stanton Street—Your Committee consider that these grants may be made with propriety according to the terms of their Report fixing the rates of quit between Grand and North Streets —and [312] they therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel prepare and report proper grants of the Said lands under water to the said Frederick DePeyster and the said Henry Eckford, upon the usual terms and conditions, according

to the regulations of that part of the City, and at the rates above referred to

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell
Saml Cowdrey.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Applications for Office on the petition of Joshua Sutton for Office of Measurer of Grain reported in favour as follows.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joshua Sutton to be appointed Measurer of Grain respectfully report. That they find him worthy, Qualified and recommend his appointment

Signed Matthew Reed
Jameson Cox

In obedience to the Common Council the Committee on Applications for Office [313] beg leave to State, that there are three vacancies for Measurers of Grain, and offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That Joshua Sutton be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain subject to the Ordinances of the Common Council of the City of New York.

Signed Matthew Reed
Jameson Cox

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted and he was appointed accordingly.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Bill before the Legislature entitled an Act concerning the Territorial Limits and Jurisdiction of the State of New York and the State of New Jersey and a Letter from Judge Benson to the Mayor on the same subject presented the following Report.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom was referred the annexed printed Copy of a bill before the Legislature, and also a Communication from Judge Benson to his Honor the Mayor on the subject—Beg leave to report thereon, that it appears that a Law is now pending before the Legislature, to appoint Commissioners respecting the boundary line between this State and [314] New Jersey—That the boundaries of this City are Co-extensive with those of the State on the West shore of the Hudsons river—That the Bill before the Legislature seems not to insist upon the strict rights

of the State, but to propose a negotiation upon equitable principles— That your Committee Consider this Board bound to remonstrate against the passage of any law, which may produce the abandonment of any part of the jurisdiction of the City—and they think that a divided jurisdiction on the Hudsons River would lead to great evils, produce constant collision, and give rise to much litigation and controversy

Beleiving also that the right of this City is now as perfect as it was when the Charter of 1730 was received, and is strengthened by possession—Your Committee are of opinion that a respectful remonstrance ought to be immediately forwarded to the Legislature against the passage of the Bill before mentioned—Such a remonstrance your Committee have prepared, and to which they refer for a more full detail of their views, and they herewith present the same for the consideration of the Board, and offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel engross [315] said Memorial, and that his Honor the Mayor, be requested to authenticate the same during the recess of the board, and forward the same to the Legislature.

(Signed) Wm Burtsell
Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Thos Bolton
Philip Hone

Whereupon the same was approved, the Memorial adopted, and directed to be engrossed duly authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature.

The Police Committee on the petition from the Inhabitants of the 8th Ward praying a Law may be passed preventing Hogs runing at large in said Ward reported as follows.

The Police Committee to whom the annexed petition from the Inhabitants of the Eight Ward was referred, praying that Swine may be prohibited from running at large in said Ward.

Respectfully Report, From the great improvements now making in this Ward, the Committee are satisfied that the request of the Petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted—The Committee have been informed by some of the most respectable Inhabitants of said Ward, that the injury which [316] they have sustained in the course of a single year, from the Hogs turning up their side walks, has been equal, and in some cases, greater than the amount of their Tax the same year: The Committee think the prayer of the Peti-

tioners ought to be granted, and they beg leave to offer the following resolution;

Resolved. That the Counsel of this Board prepare an Ordinance, conformable to this report.

Thoˢ Bolton
Samˡ Cowdrey
(Signed) Willᵐ A Davis
Samˡ St John
Josiah Hedden

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on public Offices on the petition of James McMurray for compensation for making an Index to the Maps in the Registers office reported in favour as follows.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Petition of James McMurray praying that compensation may be made to him for making a complete Index to all the Maps on record in the Register's Office.

[317] Report. That they have examined the Index of Maps filed in the Registers Office from the year 1665. down to 1824, prepared by the Petitioner a Clerk in that Office. That the work is not a part of the duty imposed on the Register, but from the accuracy of its execution is calculated to be of considerable advantage in facilitating the examination of titles and searches for incumbrances on real Estate in this City. Altho the work was voluntarily executed; yet as it will prove beneficial to the great body of freeholders your Committee are of opinion that the Petitioner is entitled to compensation. The Index though not extensive, must have required no small degree of examination and labor in its completion. The petitioner, in addition to the Index, has completed a List of the several Streets in this City the names of which have from time to time [been] altered, this also will be found extremely useful now, and time will render it still more so: For this Work however the Petitioner seeks no Compensation. Your Committee recommend that the said Index to Maps and List of Streets be placed of Record in the Office of Register in and for the City and County of New York and that the sum of Eighty Dollars be paid to the Petitioner for [318] his labour; for which purpose they offer the following Resolution.

Resolved. That the general Index of Maps and lists of Streets in this City, (the names of which have been altered,) made by James McMurray be placed of Record, in the Office of Register in and for the City and County of New York to be examined by any person

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